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Tonight:



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New Year's prompts some to take holiday

Local government offices will be closed for the first day of the New Year on Friday.

All city and county offices will be closed Jan. 1, 1999, as will the county library and the post office.

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license offices, the Department of Human Services offices and The Texas Workforce Commission will be closed as well.

The Big Spring Herald business office will be closed Friday. Early deadlines are in effect for Friday, and regular deadlines are in effect for Sunday's newspaper.

WHAT'S UP...

FRIDAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

□ Women's Aglow will not meet.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

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Taxpayers have a month before penalties are imposed

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard County taxpayers have one month before property taxes are assessed a penalty, as the Jan. 31 deadline is quickly approaching.

"If you haven't gotten your statement, or if you have any questions, come down to the office now so that we have the month to correct any problems," said Kathy Sayles, county tax assessor/collector.

The property tax bills were mailed in October, and taxpayers have the option of paying in person or mailing in pay-

ments to Sayles' office.

"If you choose to mail it in, you need to return the statement, and we will return a paid receipt," Sayles said.

The office recognizes postmarks and any payment received with a Jan. 31 stamp, or earlier, will get credit for a timely payment, she said.

However, on Feb. 1, any payments not received will be assessed a 7 percent penalty, and the penalty will increase another 2 percent for every month delinquent thereafter.

On July 1, the penalties will be 18 percent for delinquent tax payments, and attorneys fees set at 15 percent will be

added to the total bill as well, she said.

"No attorney's fees will be added until July 1," Sayles said.

A new law that went into effect in 1997 allows specific senior citizen exemptions for those taxpayers 65 years old and older.

"If you have not applied for the 65 or older exemption, you need to come in and apply. That exemption is applied to your taxes.

"We go by the birth date of the individual, based on Jan. 1," Sayles said.

Taxpayers who have not reached their 65th birthday may also apply for a home stead exemption if their house is also

their residence, she said.

The Howard County tax assessor/collector is responsible for billing and collection all the taxes for nine different taxing entities.

These are the cities of Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma, as well as those three independent school districts.

Sayles said she also collects taxes for Howard County, Howard College and the Permian Basin Water District.

"I would really like to stress that if anyone has any questions, or if they did not receive a statement, come in now so we have a month to solve problems," she said.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Jim Brown, left, and Ed Vela stock up on champagne at Sam's Package Store for the New Year's celebration while Jesse Flores rings up their sale. Shop owners ask that everyone have a safe holiday.

DWI means jail time, fines

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police are warning 1999 New Year celebrants not to drink and drive, and extra patrol officers will be out in force tonight, ready to arrest those who fail to heed the warning.

"These extra officers will help with calls and watch for the possibility of people drinking and driving," said Sgt. Roger Sweat, communication officer for the Big Spring police department.

A person arrested for drinking and driving must spend at least four hours in jail. After that, if bond is available and someone is willing to accept responsibility for the person, they may be released.

"Once they are sober enough not to be a danger to themselves or others, after four hours, they may be transferred (to county for booking) and bond out. They either receive a trial date or they plea to the offense," Sweat said.

The penalty for driving and drinking includes fines up to \$4,000 and a year or more in jail, according to the county attorney's office.

A first offense with conviction of driving while intoxicated carries a maximum \$2,000

fine, as well as a jail sentence of up to 180 days.

A second offense and conviction carries a fine of up to \$4,000 and incarceration up to 356 days.

A third conviction enhances the charge to a felony offense, carrying fines up to \$10,000 and

two to 10 years in a Texas penitentiary.

"If they have a third DWI, obviously they have a drinking problem. If we're seeing a third DWI offender, we're seeing a problem drinker," said William

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Big Spring offers variety of ways to celebrate tonight

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

If it's an alternative to the usual New Year's Eve celebration you're looking for, you can't get much different than glow-in-the-dark bowling.

But if that won't get you out of the house, Big Spring also offers church services and a senior citizens dance to kick off 1999.

Bowl-A-Rama will be open tonight for "midnight bowling," with special offers and family activities planned.

"They all seem to enjoy it," said Gerald Burgess. "Especially that bowling in the dark."

Burgess said they turn out most of the lights and use glow-in-the-dark pins for some of the games. There are also special pins on the lanes that carry prizes for the players.

If a church service is more your style, Miracle Revival Center and St. Paul Lutheran will be offering activities tonight.

Miracle Revival center, 600 E. FM-700, will have a special guest evangelist, Jan Krisle, for a service from 9 p.m. to midnight. A nursery will be available, and you can call the church at 263-7714 for more information.

St. Paul Lutheran Church will also have a special service, and

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Merry sales

Merchants report good holiday sales, especially considering the economy

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Inflatable furniture, scented candles Year 2000 and traditional Christmas decorations

proved to be popular items for Howard County shoppers this season.

And merchants at Big Spring Mall report a great season, despite the warmer weather and slumping economy.

"The snow helped sell sweaters and was very timely for us," said Bealls Department Store manager Sam Gutierrez.

"We had a wonderful season and we owe it all to the people in Big Spring and surrounding towns who really supported us," he said.

Christmas items were the hottest selling merchandise Bealls offered this season. Gutierrez said he made trips to five different area Bealls stores to bring more seasonal items to Big Spring to sell.

"It was a fabulous season," he said.

Danielle Wilson, assistant manager for On Cue, said glow-in-the-dark, inflatable furniture sold out this season at the store, as well as all black light products.

"The season started really slow, but as it got closer business picked up, and then Bam! it went right through the roof right at Christmas," Wilson said.

"Sales have been great since

Christmas, too and we've sold a lot of gift certificates, which are the best gifts. We also sold a lot of musical instruments," she said.

Tools, especially the brands endorsed by Bob Villa, a national television personality, sold well during the season, according to Sears' new owner Jody Swinney and manager Amador Gonzales.

"Overall, we were slightly down, but we did really super considering the economy. Our seasonal sales was pretty healthy and we were pleasantly surprised and I believe it is a good forecast for next year," said Swinney, who recently moved to Big Spring from Fort Worth.

Swinney said appliances, particularly refrigerators, sold well this season. Gonzales said the store's stock of specific mechanic tools sold out.

"And we sold a lot of electronics, mostly stereos and televisions," Gonzales said.

Suggs Hallmark assistant manager Audrey Bayes said scented candles and Christmas ornaments were popular items this Christmas busy season.

"We've been very busy and we did very well. We sold out of ornaments and Dr. Seuss's Grinch was also very popular," Bayes said.

Christmas scented candles sold out early in the season, she said, and after Christmas business has been good as well, she said.

Credit sales were the primary method of payment for Stage customers, according to manager Lisa Rodriguez.

"We didn't have much cash. A lot of our sales were with credit cards. Our Christmas rush didn't really hit until two weeks before Christmas, when we expected it to begin the day after Thanksgiving," she said.

Warm weather may have added to the seasonal shopping delay, as higher temperatures might postpone that special feeling of Christmas, she said.

And the most popular item this Christmas at Stage was

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Swearing-in ceremonies held this morning for elected officials

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Swearing-in ceremonies for nine Howard County officials, including four who stood for election for the first time in 1998, were held at 10 a.m. today in the Howard County Courtroom.

Official duties for the term begin at midnight tonight.

County clerk Donna Wright; Precinct 4 county commissioner Gary Simer; precinct 1, Place 2 peace justice Marilyn Carson and Precinct 2 peace justice Quail Dobbs were all sworn in after going through their first elections.

Current county officials who were successful in re-election bids and were also sworn in included county judge Ben Lockhart, precinct 2 commissioner Jerry Kilgore, district

clerk Glenda Brasel, county treasurer Bonnie Franklin and county surveyor Michael McBrayer.

The ceremony was the last one for county clerk Margaret Ray, who was first elected in 1974. Ray who announced more than a year ago that she would not seek re-election, officially retires at midnight tonight.

"I'll be here all day," Ray said. "I'll close out my books for the last time when the bank closes this afternoon."

Ray said that she had no idea how many county officials she had sworn in over the years.

"There have been so many," she said. "Doing them every two years, I couldn't begin to tell you how many there might have been."

On Monday, Ray and retiring

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Retiring county clerk Margaret Ray, right, performs her last swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected government officials today. Those who took the oath of office are, left to right, Glenda Brasel, Donna Wright, county judge Ben Lockhart, and Gary Simer.

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OBITUARIES

James Ardis Burns

Service for James Ardis Burns, 82, Sayre, Okla., will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, at the Rose Chapel with Jack Abbott officiating. Burial will be in the Sayre-Doxey Cemetery, Sayre, Okla.

Mr. Burns died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, in the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City, Okla.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1916, in Denton. He grew up in Knott and graduated from high school there. He attended East Texas State University and joined the United States Air Force, serving in World War II. Mr. Burns married Juanita Grisham on Nov. 7, 1942, in O'Donnell.

Survivors include: his wife, Juanita Burns of Sayre, Okla.; one daughter, Diana Gouvion of Houston; three sons, Ardis Ray Burns of Riverside, Calif., Darryl Lynn Burns of Sayre, Okla., and Michael Dee Burns of Downey, Calif.; one sister, Artie Froman of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service, Sayre, Okla.

James W. "Jim" Griffin

Graveside service for James W. "Jim" Griffin, 65, Coahoma, were 2 p.m. today in the Vincent Cemetery with Rev. Ben Neel officiating.

Mr. Griffin died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, at the VA Medical Center after a short illness.

He was born on Oct. 29, 1933, in Paducah, Cottle County. He was a veteran of the Army, serving at the end of the Korean War. He was of the Methodist faith.

He is survived by: his son, Mike Griffin of Coahoma; two daughters, Sharon Stanford of Anson, and Cindy Hudson of Abilene; one adopted son, Ramond Griffin; one adopted daughter, Brenda Griffin, both of Lake Thomas; his mother, Catherine Griffin of Abilene; one sister, Neta Pointer of Abilene; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Billie Louise Wood

Graveside service for Billie Louise Wood, 68, Big Spring, formerly of Colorado City, will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999.

in the Dorn Cemetery with Roger Huff officiating.

Mrs. Wood died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998, in a Big Spring nursing home.

She was born on May 16, 1930, in Westbrook. She had lived in Big Spring the past 12 years. She married Eugene Wood on July 17, 1948, in Big Spring. Mrs. Wood was a homemaker and a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include: her husband, Eugene Wood of Big Spring; her mother, Erlene Dorn of Levelland; three daughters, Neta Lelk, Connie Lesser and Tina Sundry, all of Big Spring; three sons, Fred Wood of Fort Worth, Robert Wood of Washington, and William Wood of Nevada; four sisters, Wanda Hill of Odessa, Katherine Leach of Lubbock, Vesta Shaw of Colorado City, and Sug Hodge of Levelland; and one brother, Johnny Dorn of Stephenville.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City.

Jesus Perez

Rosary for Jesus Perez, 68, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, at the Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jerry McCarthy, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Perez died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a short illness.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1930, in Kern City. He married Natalia Rodriguez in November of 1952 in Kern City. He was a cotton farmer until his health failed in 1991. He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include: his wife, Natalia Perez of Big Spring; three sons, Abel Perez of Patricia, Raul Perez of Big Spring, and Erasmo Perez of Lubbock; four daughters, Alicia Perez, Rachel Trevino, both of Midland, Sophia Lopez Cruz of Lamesa, and Ernestina Dillard of Big Spring; four brothers, Ensamelo Perez, Richard Perez, Tino Perez and Ben Perez; two sisters, Juanita Zamara and Margarita Rodriguez; 31 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Martha Alvarez

Rosary for Martha Lara Alvarez, 47, Pflugerville, will be 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, in the Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral service will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Alvarez died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1998, in Austin following a three month illness.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1951, in Big Spring. She married Raymond Alvarez. She had lived most of her life in Big Spring until March of 1998. She was of the Catholic faith. Mrs. Alvarez had graduated from Howard College and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin (UTPB), and received a degree in sociology. She was employed by the State

of Texas as a social worker for Child Protective Services in Big Spring and Austin.

She is survived by: her husband, Raymond Alvarez, Jr., of Pflugerville; one son, Raymond Alvarez III of Lubbock; one daughter, Christina Alvarez of Pflugerville; her father, Guadalupe Lara of Brownsville; two sisters, Celia Rodriguez of Phoenix, Ariz., and Victoria Escovedo of Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Christine Elizabeth Collins

Service for Christine Elizabeth Collins, 11, Fort Worth, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, at the University Christian Church with Rev. Dr. R. Scott Colglazier, Rev. Dr. Charles II Sanders and Mrs. Nita Gilger officiating. Private graveside service will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Fort Worth.

Ms. Collins died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998, at her home due to a brain tumor.

She was a sixth grade student at Fort Worth Country Day School. Christine died peacefully Thursday morning at her home. She endured the disease and the most aggressive treatment for it, always with a patient smile and lots of hugs for all of her family and friends. Christine never complained.

She loved horses and the lake, knee-boarding and hitting golf balls with her grandfather. She played the piano and was active in Girl Scouts and the children's choir at University Christian Church.

Christine will be remembered with her long, dark hair flying behind her, shimmering in the sun as she rode her bicycle down the street or chased a soccer ball across a field. She touched many lives and leaves behind lots of joyful memories. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include: her parents, Dr. Mark F. and Karen McLain Collins of Fort Worth; a brother, Will Collins of Fort Worth; grandparents, Betty McLain of Fort Worth, Eddie McLain and his wife, Billie, of Colorado City, and Earl and Corrine Collins of Fort Worth; and aunts and uncles, Tracy and Peter Allen of Austin, Wendy and Keith Brown of New Braunfels, Denise and Scott Stooksberry of Fort Worth, and Beth and Craig Collins of Fort Worth.

Arrangements under the direction of Robertson Mueller Harper, Fort Worth.

Barbara Hailes

Service for Barbara Hailes, 61, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Thursday, Dec. 30, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

SALES

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Year 2000 merchandise, she said. The bracelets, rings, key holders and necklaces, a long with other century merchandise, sold out over the holidays.

"The Year 2000 merchandise was really popular this year, because this is a once in a lifetime event," Rodriguez said.

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county commissioner Sonny Choate attended their last meeting of the commissioner's court. At that time, Ray said she intended to spend time watching her granddaughter play basketball and enjoying her time

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off. "One thing I know is that I will miss all of the people who have been so nice to me over the years," she said.

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a family gathering at the Parish Hall tonight.

"Families will start gathering about 7:30 p.m., playing games like '42,'" said associate pastor Steve Stutz.

At 11 p.m., a service begins in the sanctuary, lasting just into the new year. It will include special music and a message.

Spring City Senior Center plans a dance tonight from 9-midnight, with music by the band CW and Company. They will also serve black-eyed peas and cornbread, and the cover charge is \$5 per person.

DWI

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Dupree, assistant district attorney.

Dupree said various programs in place within the judiciary and penal systems work with drunk driving offenders.

"Routinely, the minimum punishment for DWI offenders in Howard County is at least 30 days in county jail. There are no hard or fast rules for punishment," he said.

Once the offender reaches the felony level of punishment, treatment through the penitentiary system becomes available, he said.

"The felony level is the first serious shot the person has at treatment. Treatment is expensive, and for most people with a drinking problem, 30 days in jail isn't enough. We need a lot more time to help these people," Dupree said.

For those who choose to ring in the New Year by imbibing in alcohol, "Tipsy Wrecker Service" will take you and your vehicle home for free. Call Mitchem and Son Inc. wrecker service at 267-3747 from 8 p.m. till 1 a.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

• Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

• Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

• Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

• Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

MARKETS

March cotton 60.15 cents, down 29 points; Feb. crude 11.83, up 8 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 higher 17; cash steers steady at \$1 higher at 60 even; Feb. lean

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TEXAS LOTTERY

hog futures 32.92, down 32 points; Feb. live cattle futures 60.37, down 10 points.

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Atmos Energy	32 - 1/8
Calenergy Inc.	34 1/2 + 1/8
Chevron	83 1/2 - 1/8
Cifra	11 1/2 to 12 1/2
Coca Cola	66 1/2 - 1/8
Compaq Computer	41 1/2 - 1/8
Cornell Correc.	18 1/2 - 1/8
DuPont	56 1/2 + 1/8
Exxon	73 1/2 - 1/8
Halliburton	29 1/2 + 1/8
IBM	185 3/4 - 1/8
Intel Corp	119 1/2 + 1/8
Mobil	87 1/2 - 1/8
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Pepsi Cola	40 1/2 + 1/8
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Sears	41 1/2 + 7/16
Texaco	52 1/2 - 1/8
Texas Instruments	86 1/2 - 1
Texas Utils. Co	46 1/2 - 1/8
Unocal Corp	28 1/2 + 1/8
Wal-Mart	79 1/2 - 1/8
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Euroacific	28.29
Prime Rate	7.75%
Gold	287.80 - 288.30
Silver	4.99 - 5.04

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 66
Wednesday's low 35
Average high 56
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Precip. Wednesday 0.00
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My second goal was to provide exceptional personalized service to every investor who chose to do business with Edward Jones. I've worked very hard to achieve this goal, but as my business has grown, it has become more challenging. That is why I'm so pleased to announce that a second investment representative, Barbara Brumley has joined me in my office.

Barbara will work with me in my office for the next 18 months, serving the needs of existing clients and extending our services to new investors. She will then open another Edward Jones office here in Big Spring.

I'm very pleased to be working with Barbara, and I'm sure you will be as impressed with her professionalism and integrity as I am. Should she contact you, I hope you will extend the same warm welcome I have received. As always, if we can be of service, please call or stop by the office anytime.

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James Griffin, 65, of Coahoma, died Tuesday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM, today at Vincent Cemetery.
Jesus Perez, 68, of Big Spring, died Tuesday. A rosary will be 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
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Barbara Hailes, 61, of Big Spring, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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Grand jury rejects conspiracy theories in Oklahoma City bombing

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — No second bomb. No additional conspirators. No evidence of a federal government cover-up. Not even a John Doe No. 2.

The county grand jury that investigated the Oklahoma City bombing has debunked most of the wildest theories swirling around the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

In its 21-page report read aloud Wednesday by District Judge Bill Burkett, the panel went through the details of the bombing step by step, discounting all evidence of a wider conspiracy — much to the dismay of critics.

The panel did return one indictment, but it was sealed. "We cannot affirmatively

state that absolutely no one else was involved in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building," the grand jury said. "However, we have not been presented with or uncovered information sufficient to indict any additional conspirators."

Among other things, the grand jury took up lingering questions about the identity of John Doe No. 2, the mystery suspect depicted in FBI sketches shortly after the attack, the existence of a second blast and suspicions that the government knew of the bombing in advance.

Created by a petition drive, the grand jury's investigation found no evidence the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

knew about a bombing plot or that the blast was the result of a federal sting gone bad.

Jurors said they could state with assurance that we do not believe that the federal government had prior knowledge that this horrible terrorist attack was going to happen."

Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson, who has called such suspicions "the worst kind of paranoid conspiracy pandering," said of the grand jury: "I'm proud of them for the diligence and thoroughness and not surprised with the outcome."

"Unless there is some real, credible evidence of other involvement in the future, it is time for Oklahoma to move on

with the process of healing and rebuilding," added Gov. Frank Keating.

The grand jury, which heard from 117 witnesses and studied more than 1,900 exhibits during its 18-month, \$525,000 investigation, said it also found no credible proof that the bombing was tied to white supremacists or foreign terrorists.

"This was an act perpetrated by Americans on Americans," the grand jury said. "This was an act that could have been carried out by one individual."

The grand jury also called on the district attorney to carry through with his plan to bring state murder charges against Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, who have been convicted

on federal charges.

"I hope that the many victims will draw comfort from the completeness of these investigations," said U.S. Attorney Patrick Ryan, who helped prosecute McVeigh and Nichols.

McVeigh received a death sentence, while Nichols got life in prison. An Army buddy, Michael Fortier, got 12 years for knowing about the attack beforehand but telling no one.

For Paul Heath, a Veterans Administration psychologist who was on the fifth floor of the building when the bomb exploded April 19, 1995, the panel's conclusions were a relief.

"It hurts you deeply if you were a person in the building like I was to continue to grind

away at you that the government that I represent, that the government I was a part of, would deliberately fabricate a cover-up, Heath said.

"Let's get back to reality," he said.

Yet even as the report was released, critics and proponents of the probe said that many people would find the discounted allegations of a wider conspiracy unsatisfactory.

Former state Rep. Charles Key of Oklahoma City, a principal conspiracy theorist, said a private committee probing the bombing would issue a differing report next month. He said the grand jury report could have been "signed by the FBI" and had "huge gaping holes."

New state populations would shift House seats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine seats in the House would shift between states if reapportionment were based on new population estimates from the Census Bureau.

Arizona and Texas would be the biggest gainers, while the most seats would be lost by New York and Pennsylvania.

Overall, changes would affect 14 states, according to calculations by Kim Brace of the private analysis company Election Data Service.

The 435 seats in the House will be reapportioned among the states following Census 2000, leading to the current squabble between Republicans and Democrats over the best method for conducting the

national head count.

Brace based his calculations on population estimates, for July 1, 1998, which were released today by the Census Bureau. He used the same formula used by the government to realign the seats.

The House is currently limited to 435 seats and the law requires that they be distributed as fairly as possible among the states, based on population. Thus, when one state gains a seat another has to lose one.

If the 1998 populations were used for the reapportionment, Brace calculated that Arizona and Texas would each gain two seats while New York and Pennsylvania would lose two apiece.

Gaining one seat each would be California, Florida, Georgia, Montana and Nevada. Losing one would be Connecticut, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

Earlier estimates had indicated that Illinois was likely lose a seat and Brace noted that under the complex reapportionment formula it receives the last available seat with just 33,368 people to spare.

"This is not a guarantee that the state can avoid losing a seat," Brace said. "But it indicates a heightened need for all states to seek a full and complete count..."

The last five seats distributed under the formula went to Arizona, Montana, California,

Indiana and Illinois.

If more than 435 seats were available New York would have been next in line, Brace noted, followed by Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Mississippi and Colorado.

The population shifts to the South and West in recent decades have transferred congressional power in that direction with large House gains in such states as California, Texas and Florida at the expense of the industrial Northeast and Midwest.

Following the 1990 Census, 21 states were affected by shifting House seats with California the big winner, adding seven seats, and New York suffering the greatest loss, giving up three.

Justice Department OKs telecommunications merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department blessed the \$40 billion marriage of phone giant AT&T and cable company Tele-Communications Inc., with the stipulation that TCI sell its interest in a rival phone company.

Federal overseers wanted to ensure the sale did not slow the trend toward lower prices and better competition among wireless, or mobile telephone providers, Justice Department antitrust chief Joel A. Klein said in announcing the approval Wednesday.

AT&T is the nation's largest

provider of mobile telephone service, with about 9 million customers. TCI is the second-largest cable television operator in the United States and also owns approximately 23 percent of the stock in phone company Sprint's mobile telephone business, called Sprint PCS.

Under terms of the settlement, AT&T and TCI must transfer the Sprint PCS stock to an independent trustee before the merger can be closed. The trustee then will have approximately five years to complete the stock sale.

The agreement also includes

measures designed to promote competition between AT&T and Sprint pending divestiture of the Sprint PCS stock, the Justice Department said.

"The settlement today will ensure that the merger will not blunt the move towards a more competitive market in wireless services," Klein said in a statement.

Approximately 60 million Americans subscribe to mobile phone services, and customers bought about \$30 billion in mobile services this year.

The merger is really an acquisition by New York-based

AT&T, with \$52 billion in revenue this year, of Colorado-based TCI, with revenue of about \$7.5 billion this year.

AT&T spokesman Burke Stinson said the company hopes to complete the deal by summer. A statement from company general counsel Jim Cicconi called the approval good news for consumers.

"We are now one step closer to finalizing a transaction that will ultimately give residential customers broader choices for local telephone service and other advanced services and products," Cicconi said.

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1998 goes out with frigid blast

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The eastern half of the nation was in a deep freeze this morning, with below-zero temperatures stretching from Nebraska to Maine on the last day of the year.

"Bitter cold. It's like the kind of cold where you walk out and your face hurts," said Michelle Kohler, a bartender in Eau Claire, Wis., where the temperature dipped to 17 below zero Wednesday.

With another ice storm possible in Virginia this weekend, Gov. Jim Gilmore declared a state of emergency for a state still reeling from a Christmas Eve storm that knocked out power to thousands of people. Some 16,000 were still without electricity late Wednesday.

Gilmore urged residents in homes without heat to seek shelter elsewhere. Authorities were to go door-to-door to deliver the message in some cases.

The cold front spread rain as far south as Georgia and scattered snow over the Midwest, Great Lakes and Northeast. Nearly 8 inches fell in New Hampshire and Maine on Wednesday.

The weather was blamed for several traffic deaths, including two people whose car slipped off an icy Tennessee interstate. An 18-vehicle pileup closed Interstate 80 for an hour near Avoca, Iowa.

"This is the first heavy snow that we have gotten this year," said Alton Meserve, fire chief in Saco, Maine.

"I think it has actually scared some people."

In New York City, where up to 500,000 people were expected to ring in the New Year in Times Square tonight, the forecast called for temperatures in the mid-teens to low 20s — and brisk winds.

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OUR VIEWS

Don't become a DPS statistic this New Year

We hate to keep harping on it, this subject of holiday safety, but we just received some disturbing news from the Department of Public Safety to share with you. It's not pleasant reading, but it is important.

"The last thing we want to be doing this holiday season is knock on someone's door and tell them a loved one has died in a needless traffic crash," says DPS Director Col. Dudley M. Thomas.

Nevertheless, that's what some troopers will have to do. The DPS is estimating as many as 24 people will be killed in traffic crashes on Texas roads between 6 p.m. today and midnight Sunday.

Believe it not, there's some optimism in that number. Last year, 41 people died on the highways of this state during the New Year's holiday.

According to the DPS, nearly 23 percent of the fatalities and one-fourth of the crashes were alcohol-related. This note too — 41 percent of those who died were not wearing safety belts.

Most of the accidents were caused by alcohol, fatigue or aggressive driving — someone in too big of a hurry to obey the laws of the road, or to have respect for common courtesy.

The DPS will be out in force during the holiday period, hoping their presence prompts travelers to buckle up and slow down. But they can't be everywhere. And there is little they can do after an accident but pick up the pieces.

Drive safely this holiday weekend. Buckle up. Stop for a nonalcoholic refreshment or some rest if you begin to get tired. Respect your fellow travelers. And for goodness sake, don't drink and drive.

We all have goals and desires in life. We would all like to leave behind some legacy, however small.

Don't let your legacy be a statistic in the Department of Public Safety record book for holiday accidents.

OTHER VIEWS

It was a day when even sports fans might have been excused from watching the pro game on a Saturday afternoon in favor of watching the U.S. House of Representatives make history. ...

The president of the United States was being impeached for "high crimes and misdemeanors," allegedly lying under oath to a grand jury and allegedly obstructing justice. ...

It remains to be seen whether there will be a trial in the Senate or whether the impeachment will be overcome by a resolution of censure. It remains to be seen whether, if there is a trial, the president can prevail against those who believe so fervently that he should be convicted and put out of office. And never mind the prevailing public opinion polls in the past election.

However, we individually recollect that Saturday filled with tension and doubt and hate in Washington and elsewhere, remember that word "allegedly." Too few people understand that impeachment is but an accusation, not a conviction. ...

THE SUN NEWS, MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

The weekend that ended with a promising note of GOP resolve by impeaching the president in the face of political adversity has become the week of wavering for some weak-hearted Republicans.

Four GOP members of the U.S. House of Representatives have sent a letter to the Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi urging censure of President William Jefferson Clinton rather than removal of office.

Other GOP representatives also are considering joining the effort.

Why, after what they have done, would these congressmen now back the unconstitutional remedy of censure for Clinton's crimes of perjury and obstruction of justice?

Considering the president's lack of integrity and honor, the action the Senate must take is clear.

Clinton must be tried for his high crimes and misdemeanors.

For the sake of the republic and individual liberty, there can be no unconstitutional censure.

THE LIMA (OHIO) NEWS

In 365 days, wait's over for fateful Y2K bug

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Next New Year's Eve will bring suspense along with celebration of the year 2000: the uncertainty about what will work and what won't after midnight, when the computers hit those zeroes.

It could create a thousandth-year hangover.

President Clinton's assurance that Social Security computers have been updated to deal with the millennium bug so payments will go out on time doesn't guarantee they'll get into individual bank accounts by the direct deposits most beneficiaries use. That will depend on banks' computers.

The problem is with older computer programs which saved expensive memory capacity by using only the last two digits of the year, as in 99 for the year ahead. That will work through '99, but those programs can't cope with 2000 and must be updated.

That's been going on in the case of Social Security since 1989, at a cost of about \$43 million. The work is in progress at other federal agencies, state and local governments and throughout the private economy.

There is less certainty about

where they stand, and less still about the computers in other nations.

The White House goal is to have vital federal computers ready for 2000 by the end of March, and the latest assessment is that 85 to 90 percent will make it. Overall, the cost of updating federal programs has been estimated at \$6.4 billion. The Federal Reserve Board estimated that it will cost U.S. business and industry about \$50 billion to get ready.

"We're all in this together," Clinton said Monday. "This involves not just federal agencies but everyone who depends upon a computer, which is everyone, directly or indirectly, federal and state governments and local governments and businesses large and small."

Plus foreign governments and businesses. "A lot of our economy is tied up with economic endeavors throughout the world, so even a problem a long way from our shores can have ramifications within our borders," Clinton said.

The United Nations held the first world conference on the 2000 computer bug on Dec. 11. Delegates from more than 120 nations agreed to press their governments to deal with it on a "highest priority" basis.

While the problem is global, the impact of computer failures would hit hardest in the United States, which has nearly half the world's computer capacity.

A law to encourage U.S. businesses to share information on solutions to the problem, with antitrust exemptions and liability limits, took effect Oct. 19.

A proposed but unpassed House resolution sought to have the 2000 New Year's holiday, which falls on a Saturday, observed the following Monday, Jan. 3, so that there would be an extra day off to deal with problem computers.

Whatever steps like those may accomplish, they came late, on a problem discovered a decade ago. The Social Security Administration began work on its computers in 1989.

Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., who has made the problem a specialty, is not so optimistic as the administration about progress toward solving it. Some federal agencies didn't get started until the last few years, Horn said, and the Pentagon and the Departments of Energy, Health and Human Services, State and Transportation all are faltering in their repairs.

The administration needs to concentrate on getting their systems ready, he said, and on

fixes by state and local governments.

Whatever is done before the millennium midnight won't be problem-free.

"No one can guarantee that all the systems will work," said John Koskinen, chairman of Clinton's Year 2000 commission.

The forecasts of what will happen then vary widely, even wildly, from inconveniences like balky microwave ovens to catastrophic failures that would cut power and communications, disrupt transportation, cripple financial markets into world depression.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., a leading Senate voice on the issue, doesn't think the worst will happen. "We know we have the problem," he said. "We will manage it. ... We got to it in time."

But not in time to avoid scare scenarios that have led some people to stockpile dried food and look for rural refuge from the chaos they fear may come.

Koskinen is confident it won't. To show it, he's planning a round-trip flight, Washington to New York, that New Year's Eve and morning. Computers guide air traffic, and he said they'll be ready.



Respect just a phone call away

By JOHN DELSO
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — I've always wanted to call myself Dr. Kelso. But I've never wanted to spend all the class time it takes to earn a Ph.D.

So you can imagine my glee when I got my mitts on a piece of junk e-mail the other day that said I could get the college degree of my choice by simply calling a phone number in Arizona.

"Increase your personal prestige and money-earning power through an advanced university degree," the e-mail said. "Eminent, nonaccredited universities will award you a degree for only \$200. Degree granted based on your present knowledge and experience. No further effort necessary on your part. Just a short phone call is all that is required for a BA, MA, MBA, or Ph.D. diploma in the field of your choice."

I was curious about how a "nonaccredited" university could also be "eminent." But I figured, what the heck, this sounds easier than looking for my B.A., which I think is somewhere in the garage. So I called to inquire.

The saleslady who called me back from University Degree Programs — she was calling from somewhere in the Cincinnati area — said I could get my degree without attending any classes or taking tests. She pointed out many people

don't have time for that sort of thing.

All I would have to do is pay a "small processing fee." A bachelor's degree, she said, was \$200, a master's \$300 and a doctorate \$400.

When I told the saleslady I wanted the Ph.D., she asked me in what field.

"Brain surgery," I said. "No, no, no," she said. Maybe she was afraid that if she sold me a \$400 diploma that said brain surgeon on it, I'd operate on somebody's head and she'd end up in the joint with me. So she asked me what I do for a living.

I admitted I'm a writer. "You want a Ph.D. in journalism?" she asked. OK, I said. I'd settle for journalism.

The saleslady said there would be a \$25 shipping charge, and that she would take Visa or MasterCard. "Once you have the degree in your hands, you can consider yourself a graduate," she added.

Then she asked if I already had a degree. I told her I did — a B.A. from the University of Missouri in the mid-'60s.

"Do you want to backdate this degree back to '76?" the saleslady asked, speaking of my impending Ph.D. I'm guessing backdating is offered by this service because it would make the degree look more authentic. So I said, sure, backdate it. The saleslady said that would run me another \$30.

By now I'm starting to feel like I'm at the rent car counter and they're trying to sell me the pre-filled tank of gas, the upgrade to midsize and the insurance. Would I like to graduate summa cum laude? the saleslady asked. That would be an extra \$90. "So for less than \$100 you can become an honor student," she said.

That sounded great, I told her. So here's the bill. It's \$400 for the Ph.D., \$25 for shipping, \$30 for backdating, and \$90 for summa cum laude — a total of \$545.

That's a bargain, considering a Ph.D. at the University of Texas would run me about \$13,500 in tuition and fees over five years. And that doesn't include books, board and beer.

I told the saleslady I'd call her back later to order the Ph.D. if my bosses would let me expense-account it. Of course, I figured they wouldn't, but she and I spoke again anyway.

The next time I talked to her, I wanted to ask her the name of the "eminent, nonaccredited universities" I could select from for my diploma.

But I never got the chance to ask. See, when the saleslady found out I was writing a story about the degree program, and I wouldn't give her my bank account number as she asked, she got huffy and hung up on me.

So much for higher learning.

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Money wise in '99: Pay your debts and save

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

If your New Year's Resolution is to get your finances in shape, take steps now to get yourself on the right track, local experts said.

Mark Morgan, certified public accountant, urged making a commitment to saving money in 1999.

"If they've been putting off saving money, they're never going to have something put back, something extra," Morgan said. "People need to pay themselves first."

Set aside something regularly, whether it's \$25 a week, or \$500 a month, Morgan said.

"If you're not doing it now, you're never going to."

The money, he added, should be invested for maximum return. Whether you've got children headed to college, a retirement to plan for, or just need to make a major purchase, savings is the way to do it, Morgan said.

And investing the money in mutual funds is his recommendation for the best return.

"History tells us the market is best for long-term investing."

CPA Glen Fillingim said paying off credit card debt should be number one on your list in the new year. If your Christmas bills were

paid mostly on Mastercard or Visa, you could be paying too much interest.

"Credit card debt is the highest interest-rate debt you can incur," he said. If your credit-card debt takes a large percentage of your income each month, consider a home equity loan to pay the credit cards back, Fillingim said.

"This interest rate is going to be better, and the interest on a home equity loan can be tax deductible," he said.

Fillingim also recommended getting ready for tax time starting early next month.

"Get your records in order," he said. "Get your information together and be sure everything is accurate."

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Pay yourself first, in the form of savings, is the advice of a money expert, for those who want to get a fresh financial start in 1999.

Children instinctively test limits of power

QUESTION:

Why can't parents get children to obey just by explaining what they want them to do? Why is it so often necessary to punish or raise our voices to get them to cooperate? Why can't they just accept a few reasonable rules and avoid all that conflict? It just doesn't add up to me.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: After working with children for years, I'm convinced that their challenging behavior is motivated in part by the desire for power that lies deep within the human spirit. From a very early age, they just don't want anyone telling them what to do. They are also great admirers of strength and courage. Maybe this is why mythical characters like Superman, Robin Hood and Wonder Woman have been so prominent in the folklore of children. Perhaps it is also why kids brag that "My dad can beat up your dad!" (One child said in reply, "That's nothing, my mom can beat up my dad, too!")

It is a fact that most boys, and some girls, care about the issue of "who's toughest." Whenever a youngster moves into a new neighborhood or a new school district, he often has to fight, either verbally or physically, to establish himself in the hierarchy of strength. There is usually a "top dog" in a group of children who bosses everyone else around. There is also a little defeated pup at the bottom of the heap who takes the brunt of everyone's abuse. And each child between those extremes usually knows where he or she ranks in relation to the others.

I believe this admiration for power also makes children want to know how tough their leaders are. They will occasionally disobey adults for the precise purpose of testing their determination and courage. Thus, whether you are a parent or grandparent, or Boy Scout leader or bus driver, or Brownie leader or a school teacher, I can guarantee that sooner or later, one of the children under your authority will clench his little fist and challenge your leadership. He will convey this message by his disobedient manner: "I don't think you are tough enough to make me do what you say."

The way you handle that confrontation is being watched closely by every child in the group. Your reaction will determine how soon another occurs and with what intensity it is driven.

QUESTION: My wife and I have two very strong-willed kids who are hard to handle. They seem to need to test us, and they're the happiest and most contented when we are the toughest on them. Why do they insist on making us growl at them and even punish them more than we'd like to?

See DOBSON, Page 6A

When a spouse dies, keeping garden alive

POUND RIDGE, N. Y. (AP) — When your gardener spouse or companion dies, what do you do with the plants he or she left behind?

You may not be a gardener or, if you are, your tastes may be different. Your mate may have been a vegetable grower while you are strictly ornamental in the plants you cultivate.

Heart-searching, sorrow and guilt, but some comfort and joy, too, surround the solutions that present themselves. You may want to bide your time before taking any decisions at all about these plants that are still alive while the person who nurtured and cherished them has passed away.

This has just happened to me. My wife of 60 years has died, leaving as a garden legacy many fine outdoor perennials and an excellent collection of indoor plants. She cultivated the latter under fluorescent lights in a custom-built dining room stand and in a south-facing window greenhouse. This last was a special treasure of hers and she was constantly acquiring new things that liked the sun.

The problem is that I have been mainly a vegetable gardener.

Now, you would think that in a long marriage like ours we would have discussed the fate of our plants after one of us died. After all, barring an accident or a double suicide, it is life's sad pattern for one spouse or companion to precede the other in death.

But while we disposed of other property in wills and otherwise, we didn't get around to our gardens. Maybe we didn't think of living plants as "property."

In any case, I couldn't see myself saying, "What will I do with your abutilon 'clementine' if you die before me?"

Presumably, she felt the same reticence, for she never asked what I would like her to do with my asparagus patch if I

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went first.

Right now that abutilon is displaying a rich orange-red flower and I've done a little research about it. The plant, which has many other cultivars besides "clementine," was known to the Victorians as "flowering maple" or "parler maple." In a sunny window, it will bloom the year around. It needs fertilizing and watering, of course, and I'm trying to take care of it.

I'm feeling the same attraction for another of her window plants, a mitristigma axillare, or "African gardenia." This has dense clusters of tiny, pure white flowers emerging from dark green foliage, a delight to the eye and fragrant, too. I also like a citrus myrtifolia whose branches are now displaying two small, but lovely oranges.

There are other plants in the window I'm not so sure about, but I'm watering them anyway for the time being.

Not so with three orchid plants in the dining room she had for many months tried to resuscitate into flowering after the original blooms had died. I didn't think it was worth the effort. Fortunately, our son, who lives nearby, agreed to give them a new home, so I didn't have to dump them.

Most of the plants under fluorescent — such as African violets and cyclamens — I can care for quite easily. I promise myself that when spring comes I will tend her beds of lilies, irises and peonies and will prune the others as needed.

Perhaps the unspoken legacy she left behind will make me, for a while at least, a better gardener.

Report: some states accept teachers despite low scores

ATLANTA (AP) — Most Southern states let educators with minimal preparation in English, math and science teach those subjects in middle school, the Southern Regional Education Board says.

A new report from the board also says most Southern states set the passing scores on teacher-trainee assessments too low.

Of the 11 SREB states that use the Praxis I national assessment test to screen teacher trainees, eight set the passing score at or below the 25th percentile — meaning 75 percent of test takers score higher, the Atlanta-based board said.

Only Virginia, North Carolina and Delaware set all three minimum scores on the test above the 25th percentile, it said.

"Some SREB states with accountability systems identify schools for intervention based on the number of students who score in the bottom 25 percent on a standardized test," said

Sondra Cooney, director of the board's middle grades initiative. "Yet these same states accept the bottom 25 percent as good enough for teachers."

Georgia plans to raise its passing scores on the test in two years to levels at least as high as those in North Carolina and Delaware.

The SREB covers 16 states from Delaware to Texas.

The teacher report is the board's third in a series on middle grades, which board officials have called the "weak link" of the nation's education system.

Almost two-thirds of sixth-grade math classes in Southern states are taught by teachers who majored in elementary education and may have had six or fewer hours of college math training, the report said.

In eighth-grade science, two of five classes are taught by teachers without a science-education major and only 11 percent of science classes are taught by teachers who

majored in a science, such as biology.

Also in eighth grade, 70 percent of English classes are taught by teachers who majored in elementary education or home economics, it said.

"There are far too many teachers being required to teach subjects they are not prepared to teach," said state Rep. Charlie Smith, D-St. Marys, an advocate of education reforms in Georgia.

The SREB said middle-school students whose teachers were given the chance for further training in the subjects they teach seem to perform as well as students nationwide.

"We have too many teachers who feel isolated in their classrooms, who do not know what their colleagues and others like them are doing, and who do not feel that what they are doing makes a difference in what students learn," Ms. Cooney said.

End-of-year memories

TV reported the ups and downs of 1998

NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby Simone died in November — heart trouble — and broke the heart of every "NYPD Blue" fan. "Seinfeld," after suffering a painful decline in funniness, offed itself last May.

Calista Flockhart looked like she was starving herself to death, even as the "Ally McBeal" star denied reports of anorexia. And ABC's "Good Morning America" seemed ever closer to flatlining, as the once-dominant wakeup program continued to be clobbered by NBC's "Today."

Meanwhile, TV was showcasing real-life carnage. Viewers watched bombs pound downtown Baghdad right as it happened. "60 Minutes" aired a

video provided by Dr. Jack Kevorkian that seemed to document a terminally ill patient's demise from drugs "Dr. Death" was administering.

Those are just a few memories of 1998 as TV pictured it: Hazardous to someone's health. Even yours. That is, if you watched Jerry Springer, who enjoyed a virulently prosperous year. Or Howard Stern, who grossed out anyone tuning to his new TV edition.

Or Barbara Walters. With the success of her latest endeavor, ABC's weekday "The View," she solidified her reign as the queen of news-as-celebrity-worship. That's a toxin Walters helped create — which, in turn, created her.

Only Walters is celebrity enough to have landed Monica Lewinsky for her first TV interview. Walters is also celebrity enough to be interviewed about an interview that hasn't taken place (it is scheduled for early 1999). Disclosing for TV Guide readers a pre-interview session with the former First Intern, Walters confides, "I told her, 'You are very alive.'"

Too true. It was Monica's very aliveness combined with President Clinton's very aliveness that gave life to the story that wouldn't die.

As if you needed reminding, 1998 began with unearthed video of Lewinsky flirting with

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SLICE OF LIFE!

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Educator name: Molly Harman
Position/School: Gollad Middle School.
Years in education: 5
Why I became a teacher: I want to help people learn.
Special hobbies/Interests: music and reading
Family information: three children.

People would be surprised if they knew I: Had lived in Germany for 6 months
Most gratifying experience with young people: Seeing them learn a hard concept.
If I could change one thing about my job, it would be: More individual help for students.



COMMUNITY NEWS

MIRACLE REVIVAL CENTER, ON FM-700 across from K-Bobs Restaurant, will have a special service tonight from 9 p.m. to midnight at the church. Special guest will be Jean Krisle. A nursery will be available. Call the church at 263-7714 for more information.

THE BIG SPRING BASS Club will have its first meeting of the year 7 p.m. on Jan. 5 at the Best Western meeting room. For more information call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

THE LAST WORD

I call architecture "frozen music."
John Wolfgang von Goethe

You don't save a pitcher for tomorrow. Tomorrow it may rain.
Leo Durocher

Eighty percent of success is showing up.
Woody Allen

DOBSON

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DR. DOBSON: It is curious, isn't it, that some children seem to enjoy fighting with their parents? It's a function of the pugnacious temperament with which they are born. Many kids just like to run things and seem to enjoy picking fights.

There is another factor that is related to a child's sense of security. Let me illustrate it this way. Imagine you're driving a car over the Royal Gorge bridge in Colorado, which is suspended hundreds of feet above the canyon floor. As a first-time traveler, you're pretty tense as you drive across. It's a scary experience. I knew one little fellow who was so awed by the view over the side of the bridge that he said, "Wow, Daddy! If you fell off of here, it'd kill you constantly!"

Now suppose there were no guard rails on the side of the bridge. Where would you steer the car? Right down the middle of the road. Even though you don't plan to hit those protective railings along the side, you just feel more secure knowing that they're there.

It's the same way with children. There is security in defined limits. They need to know precisely what the rules are and who's available to enforce them. Whenever a strong-willed child senses that the boundaries may have moved, or that his or her parents may have lost their nerve, he or she will often precipitate a fight just to test the limits again. They may not admit that they want you to be the boss, but they breathe easier when you prove that you are.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

MEMORIES

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As if you needed reminding, 1998 began with unearthed video of Lewinsky flirting with the president, and it ended with gavel-to-gavel coverage of Clinton's impeachment.

In between, according to the Center for Media and Public Affairs, the scandal accounted for 1,502 stories, consuming just under 43 hours of air time. And that reflects only the three networks' half-hour evening newscasts, up through Dec. 13.

The 43 hours doesn't measure newsmagazine stories or special coverage. Or the cable news channels: MSNBC in particular seemed hellbent on cramming at least 43 hours of Monica into every 42 hours it broadcast.

Not that you minded, if you were honest with yourself. You who could set aside your civic dismay and righteous indignation binged on the story's multiplying guilty pleasures. A story this good could make you go, "O.J. who?"

If only TV still knew how to attract viewers without a squalid assist from the White House.

The major broadcast networks are the only TV outlets that have ever been able to rally a mass audience for entertainment series. But the renewal rate for last season's crop was the lowest on record, and now in 1998-99, the networks' freshman class has failed once again to generate a breakout hit.

Cable alternatives continue to siphon off viewers. The 4-year-old "boutique network," the WB, skims the demographic cream: teens and young adults. The old-line, mainstream networks watch their audience's further erosion. Since the new season began, three of six networks lost or fired their programming chiefs. Their replacements came from cable and the WB.

As networks struggle to find new series with old-time mass appeal, what they end up broadcasting is their own indecision, fear, even lack of resolve. What you see then seems to shrink before your eyes, with no hope of recovery—at least, not in any form you now recognize.

According to December's Wired magazine, NBC "has conceded that television is not dying, but dead."

Especially for kids and their families
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By BETTY DEBNAM

What We Hear From Corsicana
The Kids of 1998

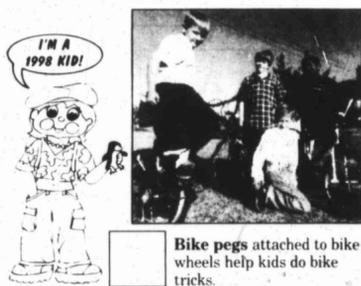
These fads are popular in Corsicana, Texas. Put a check if these are "in" where you live.

To find out what the most popular things were for the kids of 1998, The Mini Page surveyed some kids at Bowie Elementary School in Corsicana.

Corsicana, a city of about 23,000, is 55 miles south of Dallas. In 1894, people drilling for water found oil instead. This started the important oil business in Texas.



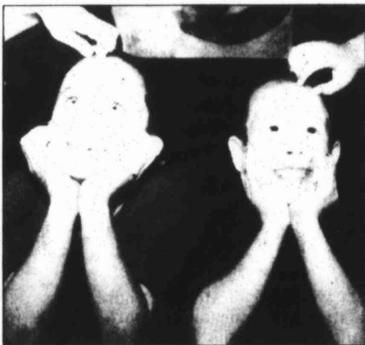
Fun fads



Bike pegs attached to bike wheels help kids do bike tricks.



Painted fingernails. Wildly different bright colors and designs painted on fingernails give girls' hands a style all their own.



Buzz haircuts are not just for athletes anymore.

The Mini Page thanks second-grade teacher Sandra Hughes and all the students at Bowie Elementary School for help with this issue.

Can you identify these faces of 1998?

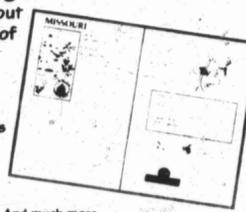


Answers: 1. Barney, 2. Tara Lipinski, 3. Madeleine Albright, 4. Chipper Jones, 5. Melissa Joan Hart, 6. John Glenn, 7. Former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, 8. Keri Strug, 9. Milan, 10. Will Smith, 11. Bill Clinton, 12. Rosie O'Donnell, 13. Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys, 14. Jim Carrey, 15. Taylor Hanson, 16. Brett Favre.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHY DID THE OTTER CROSS THE ROAD?
TO GET TO THE OTTER SIDE!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

Q: What happens when a toad parks illegally?
A: It gets toad away!
(sent in by Regina Wiley)

Q: What kind of dog likes to hang around scientists?
A: A laboratory retriever!
(sent in by Ric Wallace)

KIDS OF 1998 TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the Kids of 1998 are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: STINE, PIPPEN, PANTS, BAGGY, WILL SMITH, JORDAN, MARIAH, JIM CARREY, KOBE BRYANT, MASE, BUFFY, USHER, JEANS, CLEARY, TIM ALLEN, ELWAY.

KIDS ROCK!

ENITSTNAYRBEBOK
APJEANSEPELWAYM
WILLSMITHIBQENM
JORDANUVGQPWZCA
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GREHSUYIKAUMEXI
HZJYRAELCNFUANA
JYGGABBKVTFYBSH
YERRACMIJSYKCLE

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends are sharing their new basketball cards and video games. See if you can find:

- letter A
- word MINI
- letter E
- caterpillar
- jackknife
- letter D
- elephant
- sea horse
- number 8
- bucket
- safety pin
- horse's head
- heart

Fads from A to Z

Here are some popular things from around the country. Circle the fads that are big where you are.

A Army T-shirts
athletic shoes
B baggy clothes
Barbies
baseball caps
baseball caps worn backward
baseball jerseys
basketball
Beanie Babies
bell-bottoms
berets
braids
C cargo pants
chain necklaces
clogs
collecting sports cards
crew cuts
D dangling earrings
E elastic shoelaces
F fake fingernails
fake tattoos
fleece clothes
friendship bracelets
Furbies
G glitter on face
"Good Burger"
H hula hoops
I in-line skates
Internet
J jean jackets
jeans
jump rope
K key chains on backpacks

More favorites from Corsicana

Put a check if these are your favorites, too.

Fake tattoos are fun because they can be washed off.

Beanie Babies Kids are still trying to collect all the different Beanie Baby stuffed animals.

Corsicana is known as the "Fruitcake Capital of the World." Its Collin Street Bakery cooks up 1 1/2 million fruitcakes each Christmas.

L layered haircut
long dresses
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long T-shirts
M miniskirts
N nachos
necklaces with beads
neon colors on stuff
O Olympics
P painted fingernails
pierced ears
platform shoes
R rap music
"Riverdance"
round glasses
S sandals
shaved heads
sixties' things
skateboarding
Spice Girls stuff
spike haircut
sports jerseys
Star Wars toys
stickers
sunglasses
surfer clothes
T tank tops
Tickle Me Elmo
"Tronic"
trolleys
tube socks
V V-neck shirts
video games
virtual pets
Y yo-yos

Next week The Mini Page looks ahead with the 1999 calendar.

Look through your newspaper to find about 100 things that are in your area.

More favorites from around the country

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HOCKEY 7:30 p.m. Dallas Stars,

IN BRIEF

YMCA sets meetings for hoops participants

The Big Spring YMCA has scheduled meetings for parents of youngsters who will be participating in its basketball program this season.

The meetings are set for Saturday, with parents of youngsters in kindergarten through the fourth grade meeting at 10 a.m. Parents of players in the fifth through eighth grades will meet at 11 a.m.

Team coaches will meet at noon and a coaches training clinic will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Practice sessions for the YMCA basketball league begin the week of Jan. 4.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 courses throughout the state for a \$35 fee.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 others in the Panhandle and West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

Parents of BSHS frosh baseballers to gather

A meeting for parents of all prospective freshman baseball players at Big Spring High School has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

The meeting has been slated by the Steers Baseball Boosters Club in order to let parents of new players meet the club's officers and provide answers to questions concerning the program.

For more information, contact James Clements at 267-1069.

BOWL GAMES

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Humanitarian Bowl

At Boise, Idaho

Idaho 42, Southern Miss 35

Holiday Bowl

At San Diego

Arizona 23, Nebraska 20

Thursday, Dec. 31

Liberty Bowl

At Memphis, Tenn.

Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl

At El Paso, Texas

Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Peach Bowl

At Atlanta

Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl

At Shreveport, La.

Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

ON THE AIR

TODAY: COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. — Independence Bowl, Texas Tech vs. Mississippi, ESPN, Ch. 30.

HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. — Boston Bruins at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Williams expects to remember Walker during Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — Sure, Ricky Williams won the Heisman Trophy, became the leading rusher and scorer in major-college football history and led his team to an 8-3 record after going 4-7 the year before.

But things weren't always good for the Texas senior. There were times — like, after his 43-yard game against Kansas State when pundits said he was out of the Heisman race — when he wasn't always in the best of moods.

Then he'd think about Doak Walker, the former football superstar struggling for his life in a Colorado hospital. Once an incredibly graceful athlete, Walker could only hope to one day walk again.

"The Doak thing affected me," Williams said. "He was my motivation when things went bad. I knew what he

was fighting and he never gave up."

Walker lost his battle in September, but Williams didn't stop thinking about him. He wore a No. 37 sticker on his helmet as a tribute and made an even bigger gesture on one particular Saturday.

Playing Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl, known as "The House That Doak Built" because it was expanded to handle the capacity crowds Walker drew while at Southern Methodist, Williams wore No. 37. After leading Texas to a 34-3 victory, he presented his jersey and a game ball to Walker's family.

Williams talked about Walker all season, especially earlier this month when he was in New York for the Heisman Trophy ceremony. It was 50 years ago this season that Walker won the award.

Speaking of anniversaries, Jan. 1 will

be a significant one for Williams and Walker.

New Year's would've been been Walker's 72nd birthday. It's also the 50th anniversary of his second MVP performance in the Cotton Bowl, the game Williams will be playing in for the first time that day when Texas plays Mississippi State.

Williams, whose team is practicing on the campus at Walker's alma mater just a few blocks from where Walker grew up, said Tuesday he hasn't yet thought about all the Walker ties to his final college game.

"I'm sure on game day it'll hit me and I'll be very emotional," said Williams, who won't wear No. 37 again this time because he doesn't want to cheapen the first time he did it. "Hopefully, I can

have a great game. I'm sure that would be a great birthday gift for him."

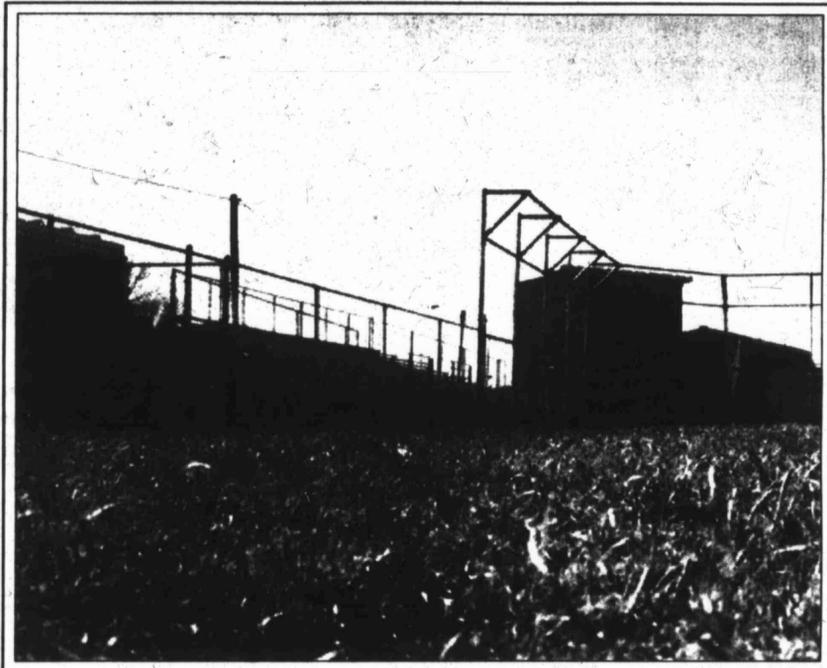
Williams will be the seventh Heisman Trophy winner to play in the Cotton Bowl right after winning the award, a legacy that began with Walker.

The previous six Heisman winners haven't done so well in the game. Walker won the 1949 game and Doug Flutie the 1985 game, but Roger Staubach (1964), Earl Campbell (1978), Bo Jackson (1986) and Tim Brown (1978) were all losers.

Coincidentally, Jackson and Brown both lost to Texas A&M teams coached by Jackie Sherrill.

Sherrill apparently has made a point of noting that to his team.

"All the Heisman people he's played here, he's beat," offensive lineman Randy Thomas said.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
The grass is growing on Big Spring High School's recently completed softball field. The facility, completed at a cost of approximately \$300,000, will be home to Big Spring's Lady Steers and will also be used as a home field for a portion of the new Howard College Lady Hawks fast-pitch softball program's schedule.

Lady Buffs take Reagan County tournament title

HERALD Staff Report

BIG LAKE — Stanton's Lady Buffs took a 43-31 win over Menard's Lady Yellowjackets Wednesday to take the girls' championship at the Mary Taylor Memorial Basketball Tournament hosted by Reagan County's Owls and Lady Owls.

Stanton's Buffs, still trying to get their basketball legs under them after having played deep into the state Class 2A football playoffs, dropped a 52-49 decision to District 3-2A rival Coahoma's Bulldogs in the boys' division third-place game.

Three Lady Buffs contributed double-digit scoring in the championship win, junior guard Jonna Moore leading the way with 12 points, while Rachel Madison and Stephanie Washington added 10 points each.

Madison, a senior guard, was named the tournament's most valuable player, while Moore and Washington joined her on the all-tournament team.

In the boys' third-place game, Stanton rallied from an 11-point halftime deficit, but couldn't complete the comeback. Senior post Chad Smith was the only Buff to notch double figures, finishing the game with 10 points.

Stanton point guard Kyle Herm was limited to just three points before fouling out of the game. He spent much of the night in foul trouble, limiting

his effectiveness.

The Bulldogs, on the other hand, got double-digit scoring from Blake Nichols, David White and Ryan Peckham.

Nichols paved the way with a double-double, scoring a game-high 15 points and pulling down 21 rebounds. Peckham added 14 points and White had 11.

The win improved Coahoma's record to 14-3 on the season, while the Buffs fell to 1-3.

Nichols and Peckham earned all-tournament team honors, joining Stanton's Smith and Herm on the honor squad.

Stanton's team take on Midland Greenwood Saturday with girls' action starting at noon. Coahoma will take on Munday's Moguls and Lady Moguls in Merkel, the girls' game also slated for a noon start.

Score by Quarters:

Menard	7	9	3	12	31
Stanton	4	8	15	16	43

Three-point goals: Stanton 2, Moore 2. Total Fouls: Menard 18, Stanton 17. Fouled Out: McCalister, Bearden.

Score by Quarters:

Coahoma	7	18	12	15	52
Stanton	6	8	17	15	46

Three-point goals: Coahoma 3 (Nichols 3), Stanton 3 (Herm, B. Smith 2). Total Fouls: Coahoma 15, Stanton 19. Fouled Out: Herm.

Arizona holds off Nebraska for 23-20 Holiday Bowl win

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Now, this was a Holiday Bowl.

After too many blowouts and marginal matchups, the Arizona Wildcats and Nebraska Cornhuskers played a Holiday Bowl worthy of mention alongside those wild games of the early 1980s that made stars of Jim McMahon and Steve Young.

This time the big plays were made by Keith Smith and All-American Chris McAlister as the No. 5 Wildcats beat No. 14 Nebraska 23-20 Wednesday night.

The teams had settled into a defensive struggle when the bowl reverted to its wild past. There were three lead changes in the final 15 minutes, some long passes and long runs, and finally, a big interception by McAlister.

"We came in as underdogs," McAlister said. "Our mission was to come in and show that we were the better team."

That they did. Smith threw for one fourth-quarter touch-down and scrambled to set up

the game-winning, 1-yard plunge by Kelvin Eafon with 6:08 to go.

Arizona (12-1) padded its school-record victory total after being knocked out of the Rose Bowl when UCLA was upset by Miami on Dec. 5.

Unlike Kansas State, the Wildcats didn't gripe about their fate. They made the best of it.

"You never knew who was going to make a big play for us the whole year, so I knew something good was going to happen," Wildcats receiver Dennis Northcutt said.

A Holiday Bowl-record crowd of 65,354 saw a rarity — Nebraska's first four-loss season in 30 years. The Cornhuskers finished 9-4 under first-year coach Frank Solich, who replaced Hall of Famer Tom Osborne.

"We're not going to go back to Nebraska with our heads down," Solich said.

Smith, who with Ortege Jenkins forms Arizona's quarterback tandem, led the

Wildcats 68 yards to the winning score. He had scrambles of 20 yards, 8 yards on a third-and-6 and then 7 yards to the Cornhuskers 1 to set up Eafon's TD.

Tomey said the Wildcats scrapped two-thirds of their running plays at halftime, including the ineffective quarterback draw, and let Smith improvise, which he did on the winning drive.

"They played man-to-man coverage and blitzed a linebacker and that left a wide-open hole for me to run a couple of times," Smith said. "I was just taking what they gave me, and just got my legs into it a little bit."

McAlister capped a big game with a leaping interception of Eric Crouch's pass to Shevin Wiggins at the Arizona 8 with 3:03 left, then returned it 22 yards.

Nebraska had one final desperation shot, but McAlister deflected Crouch's pass as time expired, ensuring the Wildcats' victory.

Season's glut of bowl games is now half over ... at last

By HAL BOCK

AP Sports Writer

Four more college bowl games are set for today and tonight as college football moves toward its national championship showdown between Tennessee and Florida State at the Fiesta Bowl Monday night.

The long-awaited matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2 raises the question of just how compelling the Humanitarian Bowl and Insight.com Bowl can be in the long shadow cast by the Fiesta Bowl.

"The system we have that brings No. 1 and No. 2 together cries out to be the only game that matters," Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese said. "The others get a little lost."

That is not to say that Tranghese wasn't grateful to have four Big East teams — Syracuse, Miami, Virginia Tech and West Virginia — in postseason games. Still, it had to be disappointing when Pro Player Stadium, just 20 miles or so from

campus, was about half full for Miami's MICRON PC Bowl victory over North Carolina State.

Maybe the fans were waiting for Saturday night's higher-profile Orange Bowl and overlooking a game that has gone through three name changes in its short lifetime.

"That bowl has always struggled," said Roy Kramer, commissioner of the SEC and coordinator of the Bowl Championship Series. "Having two games in one community is an issue."

Attendances and television ratings have been spotty for these early bowl games. Still, the full plate of games are supported by conference officials.

"Overall, it's been a very good season," Kramer said. "I'm positive about where we are."

"I'm not naive enough to think somebody is sitting out there through 22 games," Tranghese said. "But I don't hear complaints. It's good programming."

Washington made it to the Oahu Bowl with a 6-5 record and lost 45-25 to Air Force. On Wednesday, the Huskies fired coach Jim Lambright. The bowl invite could not make up for a mediocre season.

The increased number of bowls — the Music City and Oahu were added this season — resulted in more teams being invited to games that were once the payoff for a good season.

"There are probably 50 percent more bowl games than 12 years ago," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said. "The marketplace sets the right number. Who tells a community that wants a game that it can't have a game?"

"We're in a world of outlets willing to put the games on television, sponsors willing to sponsor them and teams willing to go to them. They are celebrations for communities, players and sponsors. They are part of the American sports mosaic."

Are there too many games?

"A lot will depend on ratings," Delany said. "If the ratings don't carry it, the

marketplace determines that. There are limits on what the NCAA or the colleges can do."

The Motor City Bowl packed 32,206 fans into the 80,000-seat Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich., and produced a 1.5 rating for ESPN2. This was an improvement over the 0.9 that the Las Vegas Bowl generated. ESPN's numbers went up to 4.9 for the Alamog Bowl, which featured Kansas State.

Each cable rating point for ESPN represents approximately 755,000 homes and for ESPN2 each point represents approximately 595,000.

The Oahu Bowl was part of a Hawaiian doubleheader, coupled with the Aloha Bowl in a two-for-one promotion. The Christmas Day experiment drew 46,451 fans, but that's for two games and four teams.

Tranghese said the glut of games is here to stay.

"I don't see it changing," he said. "There's pressure to place teams with winning records in bowl games."

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an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed. In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

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Death of Dr. P.W. Malone stuns Big Spring, West Texas

The death of long-time Big Spring and West community leader Dr. P.W. Malone on Jan. 26 stunned both the community as well as the region.

Dr. Malone, who along with his former partner, the late Dr. John Hogan, formed Malone and Hogan Clinic and Hospital, came to Big Spring from his native Tennessee on July 16, 1930 and immediately made an impact on the community.

Under the leadership of Drs. Malone and Hogan, the clinic and hospital became the premier medical facility in all of West Texas.

Dr. Malone was fond of telling the story that when he got off the Texas & Pacific train, he had \$2.54 in his pocket.

"I had to pay \$3 for a room at the old Crawford Hotel. I managed to get something to eat on credit."

Dr. Malone was a staunch advocate of Big Spring and Howard County and was instrumental in getting legislation passed that created both Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

The Big Spring Humane Society was forced to start the year by turning away animals. The shelter, which does not euthanize, would face overcrowding problems all year long.

Howard, Borden, Glasscock and Martin counties are all named as part of Region F of the state's new water planning board.

It's clearly an election year, as state and local candidates announce for office. Among the early candidates are State Rep. David Counts, seeking a sixth term.

The Big Spring Independent School District eyes possible litigation with Lubbock-based Monterey Construction over a mortar problem at the new junior high school.

The problem would eventually be solved, with Monterey absorbing all costs, although construction problems would push occupancy of the new facility into the 1999 school year — a year late.

TU Electric continues its restructuring, naming Mike Hammock as its local manager.

The CVB announces plans to operate a tourist information radio station. By year's end, the frequency would be set at 1180 AM and the station would be broadcasting a test signal, but formal FCC approval was still being sought.



Kyle Kight (right) shows his Howard County Junior Livestock Show Grand Champion steer, with his buyer, HEB, represented by Cindy Hopper (from left), Ronny Brown, David Rios, Mary Rodriguez, David Creech and Scott Edwards.

The final tallies on the 1997 cotton harvest showed it was as good as everyone had thought. More than 85,000 bales were ginned in Howard County.

A piece of Howard County history made its way home, when the 1908 cornerstone of the county courthouse was returned to the county by Bob Wheeler. One of Mr. Wheeler's relatives had found the cornerstone more than a quarter-century earlier in the landfill.

Local philanthropist Marie Hall endows the Texas Tech University Chair of Rural Health.

The premium auction exceeds \$50,000 at the

Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

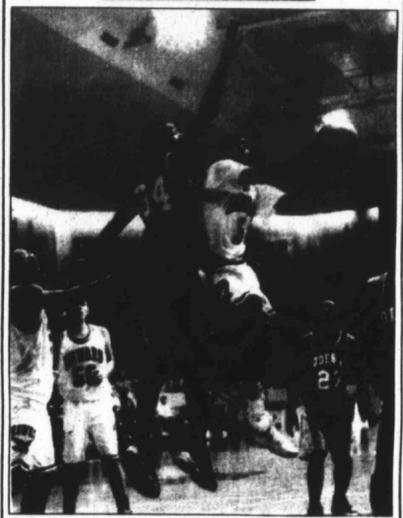
Work begins on the restoration of the F-4EII Phantom jet for the Vietnam Memorial and will be completed for a Memorial Day dedication.

Howard College president Dr. Cheri Sparks receives a two-year contract extension.

The Sands CISD receives a \$100,000 technology grant from the state.

Big Spring businessman and civic volunteer Mel Prather and local physician Dr. Louise Worthy are named "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sports



Howard College and Odessa College started WJAC play in January.

What would prove to be a noteworthy year in Crossroads Country sports opened with then No. 4-ranked Howard College's Lady Hawks traveling to Scottsdale, Ariz., where they upset No. 3-rated Central Arizona Community College at the Scottsdale Classic.

The Lady Hawks followed that with a win over South Mountain (Ariz.) College and returned home to open Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) play with a perfect 16-0 record.

The Lady Hawks followed that with a win over Odessa College's Lady Wranglers and Wranglers, beginning conference runs that would qualify both for Region V tournament berths later in the year.

The Hawks opened WJAC play with a 78-65 win over the Wranglers, while the Lady Hawks took out Odessa with a lopsided 91-37 decision.

The Lady Hawks would suffer their first loss of the season in January, but closed out the month with a 67-60 over Clarendon, improving to 21-1 on the season and 5-1 in conference play.

That first Lady Hawks loss would come on the road at the hands of Midland College's Lady Chaparrals, 70-69.

While Howard College's teams were opening conference action, the area's high school teams were beginning district hoops play.

Big Spring's Lady Steers opened their quest for a seventh straight district championship with a 68-63 win over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens in their first District 4-4A game, while Forsan's Buffs and Queens split with Ozona's Lions and Lady Lions.

Coahoma's Bulldogs opened defense of their District 8-2A championship, while the Bulldogettes would set their sights on dethroning the defending regional champion Lady Lions from Ozona as the loop's champions.

The area's Class A teams also were opening strong runs, as Garden City's Lady Bearkats, Sands' Mustangs and Lady Mustangs and Grady's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats embarked on district campaigns that would eventually earn them berths in the playoffs.

Other noteworthy moments in sports during the month included:

Forsan's Dale Dolloff took first place in the 275-pound division in leading the Buffs' power-lifting team to a strong finish in their first meet of the season.

Stanton Booster Club held its "Stanton Buffalo Stampede" to give the community an opportunity to celebrate the Buffs' 1997 Class 2A state football championship. The team presented the trophy to the school and expressed their gratitude for the support they'd received from the community during their 16-0 run to the title.

Big Spring's Brady Patterson and Stanton's Kory Williams were named to the Texas High School Coaches Association's Class 4A and Class 2A academic all-state teams.

Stacey Martin, a former Big Spring High School football standout, was named to the senior all-America team selected by USA 3 Magazine. A two-time all-America Southland Conference selection as a defensive back at Sul Ross University, Martin was also chosen to play in the National Collegiate All-Star Game.

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Dunlap, boy, Jan. 27
Campos, Jennifer Mae Delone,
girl, Jan. 16
Dickson, Quentin Tyree, boy,
Jan. 11
Elred, Austin Andrew, boy, Jan.
21
Estill, Valarie Alezandra, girl,

Jan. 8
Fierro, Edward Philip, boy, Jan.
29
Fowler, Destinee Nicole, girl, Jan.
25
Garcia, Alexis Brianna, girl, Jan.
30
Martin, Jesse Joe, boy, Jan. 7
McVae, Akkey Thaquion, boy,

Jan. 5
Melton, Logan Dale, Jan. 10
Mercado, Stephanie, Jan. 22
Miramontes, Isaac José, boy, Jan.
21
Miramontes, Isaiah Jesus, boy,
Jan. 21
Moran, Sarah Alayna, girl, Jan.
12

Nieto, Trisha Nashea, girl, Jan. 27
Nieto, Veronica Elizabeth, girl,
Jan. 6
Ovalle, Alexis Ameris, girl, Jan.
22
Parum, Faith Abigail, girl, Jan. 29
Rodriguez, Roger Jr., Jan. 11
Segundo, Dylan Mikael, boy, Jan.
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DEATHS

Arguello, Zeferina, 78, Stanton,
Jan. 5
Bardwell, Delbert M., 83,
Pottsboro, formerly of Big Spring,
Jan. 6
Belcher, Elmer L., 69, Big Spring,
Jan. 5
Bell, Robert "Bobby", 48,
Lewisville, formerly of Big Spring,
Jan. 31
Bender, L.D., 48, Lampasas, former-
ly of Big Spring, Jan. 25
Bishop, Paul R., 88, Big Spring,
Jan. 21
Briseno, John Christopher, 24, San
Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, Jan.
21
Brown, Leonard Henry, 90,
Stanton, Jan. 29
Buckner, Ora, 90, Dalhart, former-
ly of Big Spring, Jan. 9
Buske, Nanette A., 64, Big Spring,
Jan. 19
Campbell, William F. (Frank), 80,
Big Spring, Jan. 23
Crabtree, Mrs. Edward "Vera", 90,
Big Spring, Jan. 31

Craig, Mary Merrick, Monahans,
formerly of Forsan and Big Spring,
Jan. 9
Creek, Dorothy J., 76, Lake
Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring,
Jan. 5
Davis, J.L., 66, Midway, Jan. 17
Dixon, Van, 22, Big Spring, Jan. 9
Duncan, Eunice, 94, Big Spring,
Jan. 1
Edmiston, Billie R., 70, Odessa,
formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 22
Ellis, Donald J., 68, Big Spring,
Jan. 17
Fortune, Otelia, Big Spring, Jan.
22
Fortune, Vena, 85, Big Spring, Jan.
7
Fulton, Donald Gene II, 38,
Stanton, Jan. 1
Garrett, Willadeane, 69, Coahoma,
Jan. 12
Grant, Haskell, 89, Big Spring,
Jan. 19
Gwyn, Patricia S., 70, Midland,
Jan. 6
Harbison, John Edward, 50,

Stanton, Jan. 13
Hoelscher, Aldis "Ace", 75, St.
Lawrence, Jan. 26
Holloway, James Harold, 78,
Detroit, Texas, formerly of Big
Spring, Jan. 24
Hornaday, Ann A., 92, Austin, former-
ly of Big Spring, Jan. 1
Johnson, Nellia, Fort
Washington, Md., formerly of Big
Spring, Jan. 9
Jones, Floyd, 93, Ackerly, Jan. 5
Lackey, John W., 76, Big Spring,
Jan. 13
Lepard, Gladys, 91, Big Spring,
Jan. 18
Malone, P.W. MD, 94, Big Spring,
Jan. 26
Marsh, Hazel Huffman, 73, former-
ly of Big Spring, Jan. 27
McNallen, Katherine Teresa
Braun, 83, Big Spring, Jan. 4
Moore, Robert H. Jr., Big Spring,
Jan. 29
Osgood, Elwin, 70, Sweetwater,
Jan. 16
Patterson, Oreta Ruth, 88,

Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring,
Jan. 21
Pettitt, Cameron E. Lee, 19, Jan. 28
Pierce, Christopher Glenn, 26, Big
Spring, Jan. 30
Pope, Edna Ruth, 69, Big Spring,
Jan. 5
Ryan, J. Alden, 88, Big Spring,
Jan. 17
Sherman, Pearl L., 82, Big
Spring, Jan. 13
Standefer, Louise, 94, Stanton,
Jan. 2
Thomas, Kathryn, 87, Big Spring,
Jan. 17
Vaughn, Matthew, Weatherford,
formerly of Big Spring, Jan. 13
Villa, James Manuel, 19, Stanton,
Jan. 17
Walker, Rachael, 74, Big Spring,
Jan. 26
Ward, Jim, 73, Coahoma, Jan. 18
Warren, Nathaniel "Nat", 85, Big
Spring, Jan. 7
White, Vallice, 91, Stanton, Jan. 26
Wise, Manuel Odis, 85, Odessa,
Jan. 2

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February

Glasscock County Bank is robbed of \$100,000

Glasscock County was the hub of law enforcement activity for the first time in 30 years on Feb. 2, as the search began for what was thought to be a real life pair of West Texas bank robbers, who made away from Glasscock County State Bank with an estimated \$100,000 in cash.

Area law enforcement authorities, joined by local oil pumpers, began the search for two subjects in a stolen white 1996 Jeep Cherokee shortly after 9 a.m. The "posse" was made up of Glasscock Sheriff Officers, Garden City Police Officers, Howard County Sheriff's vehicles, Howard County Game Wardens, Big Spring Police Department officials, Martin County Sheriff's Deputies, and DPS Troopers in the area.

Law enforcement officials, following various leads in the robbery, announced that they were searching for two suspects on Feb. 3. Peter Christopher McConaha, 25, was arrested in Fostoria, Ohio, while the search for 26-year-old William L. Jordan continued.

McConaha, stopped on a traffic violation by Fostoria law enforcement, was questioned to determine his involvement in the robbery, but Texas DPS spokesman Capt. Barry Caver said the likelihood that he was involved was slim.

Caver said he believed the same lone suspect that had entered the Glasscock County Farm Services office, located adjacent to the bank, and assaulted at least two female employees with a stun gun was responsible for the robbery.

Texas Rangers ruled McConaha out as a suspect on Feb. 5, and announced that they believed that there had only been one person involved in the robbery.

Law enforcement officials finally got their big break Feb. 6, when one of the eyewitnesses identified Peter Howard Rasmussen, III, 23, as the assailant. Rasmussen, a Florida native, had lived in Houston for four years, and had been an employee of "Advance Security."

Rasmussen was apprehended at a Houston motel late in the evening on Feb. 6, with the same white Jeep Cherokee in his possession that he used to flee the crime scene.

Rasmussen was indicted in Glasscock County Court Oct. 1, and is facing charges including aggravated robbery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Howard County District Attorney office reported that there is still no set date for the trial.

• Dr. Virgil Sanders, 84, who with his wife and brother built and operated Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital, died Feb. 3.

• The Texas Education Agency announced on Feb. 3 that Elbow Elementary in Forsan and Sands Elementary in Ackerly had achieved an "exemplary" rating, and were recognized as "Outstanding academic performers."

• An attorney general ruling that "eight-liners" and other casino-style gaming machines were illegal around Feb. 8 forced many area operators to close their doors for fear of action from Howard County and Big Spring law enforcement agencies.

• The New World Power of Texas Renewable Energy project ran in to several delays in the early part of February, pushing the completion date back to May, 1999.

• Conventions and Visitors Bureau chairman John Walker announced Feb. 12 that plans for new Big Spring signs advertising what Big Spring has to offer tourists, as well as a tourists radio service that would catch the attention of those on the highways, were on track.

• Area businesses, including Big Spring's Delta Corporation, Texas Production Credit Assoc., Feagin's Implement, Farm Bureau Insurance Services, Southwest Crop Insurance Agency, the Big Spring Herald, and Pollard Chevrolet presented a seminar on cotton and cattle trading for area producers who were feeling the heat of the current drop in world market prices on Feb. 18.

• Dr. William Anthony Hunt, the longest serving president in Howard College history, died Feb. 12 in Abilene at the age of 91.

• Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Bill McQueary announced Feb. 16 that enrollment for his organization was up considerably, and that staff contracts had been successfully renewed.

• The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TXMHMR) signed over the deed to a tract of land south of the Big Spring State Hospital to the Texas



Texas Ranger Curtis Becker dusts for fingerprints at Glasscock State Bank after a robbery on Feb. 2.

Veterans Land Board to complete site selection for the new veterans nursing home facilities.

• Area residents breathed a sigh of relief as the grandson of Katie Crosby, who was reported missing to the Big Spring Police Department at 10 a.m. on Feb. 21, was returned home unharmed later that day.

• Jury selection began Feb. 23 in the 118th District Court as the aggravated sexual assault trial of

serial rapist Ricky DeWayne Howell prepared to begin. Howell was also charged with the 1996 incident of burglary with intent to commit sexual assault.

• Ricky DeWayne Howell was found guilty in the 118th District Court of aggravated sexual assault and burglary with the intent to commit sexual assault. Howell was given the maximum sentence — two life terms.

Sports



Keesha Lott scores two points for the Big Spring Lady Steers

Still in the so-called "dead of winter," Crossroads Country schools began the start of the spring sports season with basketball still dominating.

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks enjoyed vastly different success in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, but both qualified for regional tournament play.

The Lady Hawks, despite having to share the WJAC women's crown with Midland College and South Plains, closed their season with a 28-2 record and prepared for the Region V tournament as the conference's No. 3 seed.

The Hawks assured themselves a spot in the Starburst Region V/Region XIV Tournament with an 89-72 victory over New Mexico Junior College. That win in Hobbs improved the Hawks record to 15-12 and 8-3 in conference.

On the high school scene, a 49-43 loss to Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs all but made certain Big Spring's Lady Steers would not take a seventh consecutive district basketball crown.

The Lady Steers, however, finished the season as the third-place team in the district and continued their streak of appearances in the playoffs, knocking off El Paso Parkland's Lady Matadors in bi-district action. The season came to a close in area play with a 40-19 loss to Levelland.

Stanton's Buffaloes clinched the District 6-2A championship with a 62-53 win over Van Horn. The Lady Buffs, under first-year coach Ron Mayberry wrapped up the 6-2A girls' title with a 66-41 win over Tornillo's Lady Coyotes.

Grady's Wildcats took the District 27-1A boys' basketball championship with a 56-54 win over arch-rival Sands' Mustangs, while Sands earned a little revenge by taking the district's girls' title with a win over Grady.

The Lady Mustangs would go on to take a 65-35 win over Miles in bi-district playoff action, while the Lady Wildcats playoff run came to a halt with a 55-46 loss to Menard. Garden City's Lady Bearkats, after claiming their fifth straight district championship, opened playoff action with a 51-31 win over Marathon. They would follow that with wins over Sterling City and Irion County to earn a berth in the Region I, Class 1A regional tournament.

Menard's Lady Hornets brought Garden City's season to a close with a 69-60 win in a regional quarterfinals game.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes saw their season end in a bi-district loss to Albany's Lady Lions.

Other sports events of note in February: • Big Spring's Steers took the District 4-4A swimming championship and the Lady Steers finished second behind Monahans Lady Lobos. Junior Slate Broyles paced the Steers and was named the district's outstanding male swimmer. Lady Steers senior Somer Leubner was named the district's outstanding female swimmer of the year and Harlan Smith was his peers' choice as the loop's boys' coach of the year.

• Howard College Lady Hawks assistant coach Natasha Taylor was named as recipient of the Dick Risenhoover Award by the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

• Big Spring boys' basketball coach Gary Tipton announced he had asked to be re-signed and would not return as the Steers' coach for the 1998-99 season.

BIRTHS

Acuff, Michael Allan, boy, Feb. 27
Biddison, Sarah Mikaela, girl, Feb. 28
Dixon, Karissa Jo, girl, Feb. 5
Ferrel, Sky Lynn, girl, Feb. 11
Flores, Morgan Paige, girl, Feb. 17
Franco, Christopher Kainoa, Feb. 22
Freeman, Ross Edward, boy, Feb. 12

Gusman, Derek Jae, boy, Feb. 4
Hernandez, Ashley Renae, girl, Feb. 23
Hernandez, Stacy Matilda, girl, Feb. 7
Herrera, Joseph Scott, boy, Feb. 26
Hobby, Hannah Nicole, girl, Feb. 10
Johnson, Miranda Sarah, girl,

Feb. 10
Jones, Caitlin Cheyenne Faye, girl, Feb. 28
Marshall, Brooke McKenzi, girl, Feb. 26
Martinez, Richard S. Jr., boy, Feb. 3
Morales, Fernando, Feb. 13
Moron, Kappi Jean, girl, Feb. 26
Porras, Isaih Jerome, boy, Feb. 6

Rios, Timothy John Jr., boy, Feb. 13
Shoup, Megan Dean, Feb. 22
Tucker, Hannah Nicole, girl, Feb. 12
Warren, Emily Laura, girl, Feb. 20
Yanez, Jessica Marie, girl, Feb. 23

DEATHS

Abreo, Domingo W., 92, Big Spring, Feb. 28
Bauer, Pauline A., 77, Big Spring, Feb. 1
Bowles, Glenda Ann Duckett, 54, Big Spring, Feb. 15
Brewster, Lila Krebs, 91, Lafayette, La., formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 11
Browning, Eva, 79, Big Spring, Feb. 23
Carpenter, Curtis A., 79, Sand Springs, Feb. 22
Caudill, Petreta Elizabeth, 87, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 28
Cervantes, Roy G. Sr., 45 San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring Feb.

26
Daniel, Lena, 60, Lubbock, Feb. 13
Deleon, Maria, 68, Big Spring, Feb. 20
Dempsey, Edwin B., M.D., 72, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 12
Gaskins, Opal, 71, Big Spring, Feb. 14
Godwin, T.J., 82, Ackerly, Feb. 2
Green, Cordelia, 87, Big Spring, Feb. 23
Gutierrez, Matilda, 88, Stanton, Feb. 11
Hunt, Dr. William Anthony, 91, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 12
Ingram, Dolores A. (Dee-Dee), 53,

Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 1
Jones, Glenda, 56, Big Spring, Feb. 3
Leos, Alfred, 24, Big Spring, Feb. 12
Lewis, Lena Mae, 75, Big Spring, Feb. 7
Lockhart, Gene, 65, Luther, Feb. 2
Marquez, Chris M., 27, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 18
Moreno, Maria E. "Cuny", 59, Big Spring, Feb. 17
Mosier, Betty Lucile, 54, Big Spring, Feb. 8
Neece, Davida B., 76, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 9

Olyer, Ross "Roscoe", 44, Big Spring, Feb. 7
Reid, Quinon H., 78, Coahoma, Feb. 21
Russell, W.L. "Joe", 54, Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 10
Sanders, Dr. Virgil, 84, Big Spring, Feb. 3
Scott, Alta Nell, 75, Big Spring, Feb. 7
Springer, Ruth, 74, Granbury, formerly of Big Spring, Feb. 28
Stewart, Merle J., 98, Big Spring, Feb. 17
Welch, 71, Ozona, Feb. 24

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March

Stage opens new, large store at Big Spring Mall

Stage opened at Big Spring Mall in March, bringing famous name brand clothing and the Stage philosophy, "taking fashion to small-town America" to Howard County.

The 20,000 square foot store features top-quality merchandise, with a one-of-a-kind commitment to customer service.

"Big Spring is our kind of hometown. It's a friendly, family-oriented community and we're making a major commitment to give our customers the nicest shopping environment and the best service to be found anywhere," said Carl Tooker, chief executive office of Houston-based Specialty Retailers, which owns Stage and Bealls.

"The new Stage store really gives the area the fashion excitement it deserves," Tooker

said. Stage moved into the old Anthony's location at the mall. Specialty Retailers in Houston, bought all the Anthony's stores and converted them either to Stage of Bealls.

"In our case, because we already have a Bealls in Big Spring, Anthony's (became) a Stage store," said former mall manager Tammy Watts.

The corporation owns 600 stores in 24 different states, and most of the stores are located in smaller communities.

Name brand clothing such as Calvin Klein, Guess, Liz Claiborne, Levi's, Nike, Reebok, Elizabeth Taylor Fragrances, Chaps Ralph Lauren and much more are available at Stage.

Hailed as a one-stop shopping store, Stage features gift ideas, a



Stage opened a 20,000 square foot clothing store at the Big Spring Mall in March, moving into the location formerly occupied by Anthony's.

full line of clothing for children and adults, as well as lingerie and shoes.

Also, fragrances and jewelry are part of the Stage stock. Stage officials said merchandisers shop the world for the newest fashions, buying large quantities to deliver day-in and day-out value prices.

Community events marked March 1998 for Howard County, as the month began with the 29th annual Gem and Mineral Show, concluded with the Rattlesnake Roundup, and featured a spelling bee and Agriculture Expo in between.

Public Schools Week offered parents a chance to eat breakfast at school, courtesy of the local Masonic Lodges.

The 29th annual Gem and Mineral Show the first full weekend brought rockhounds and stone enthusiasts from around the state.

Texans For State Parks formed in Round Rock.

Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council annual banquet.

A \$250,000 grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation created 200 scholarships at Howard College.

accused of robbing the Glasscock County Bank, was arraigned in Lubbock.

Second Annual Line Dance Festival at the Senior Citizen Center brought in more than 100 high steppers.

Incumbent County Judge Ben Lockhart secured the Republican Primary, defeating challenger Joe Cook, former Big Spring police chief, 1,240 to 943.

Incumbent Jerry Kilgore won the right to a runoff election for Republican party's representative for Commissioner Precinct 2 race, against John Wayne

Metcalf. Kilgore garnered 451 votes, while Metcalf received 356.

Homer Wilkerson earned the right to represent the Republican Party for Commissioner Precinct 4, with 333 votes to Fredi Frank's 103 votes.

Marilyn Carson, incumbent for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2, secured the Republican race with 821 votes to Bennie Green's 773.

Quail Dobbs earned 286 votes for the Republican party primary race for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2. He defeated Carol Henson, who garnered 67 votes.

Sports



Howard College's Lady Hawks celebrate the Region V championship.

March Madness — that singular collegiate basketball phenomenon — presented itself in Crossroads Country during 1998 as Howard College's Lady Hawks continued their storied season with a Region V tournament championship and trip to the NJCAA national tournament in Salinas, Kan.

The Lady Hawks' accolades and accomplishments came hot and heavy in March.

First, there was a Region V title. The Lady Hawks opened the tournament at Midland's Chaparral Center with a 75-72 win over Grayson County's Lady Vikings, and then eliminated Temple Junior College's Lady Leopards 78-56. In the championship game, Howard knocked off Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) rival Midland College, 61-53, to earn a trip to the national tournament.

Sophomore Shawnta Johnson and freshman Karlita Washington earned All-Region V tournament honors. It was announced that both had been named first-team all-WJCAC. Sophomore Latraica Spencer and freshman Ricka McKee were honorable mention all-conference.

The Lady Hawks continued their winning ways at the national tournament, taking a 69-66 comeback victory over Walters State (Tenn.) Community College's Lady Senators and following that with an 88-72 win over Olney Central of Illinois.

That set up a showdown with No. 1-ranked Trinity Valley Community College's Lady Cardinals. Although the Lady Hawks would suffer a 79-67 loss to Trinity Valley, they rebounded for a 75-51 win over Western Nebraska to take the third-place trophy — Howard's best ever finish at the national tournament.

Johnson was so impressive that she was named to the all-tournament team.

Howard's made an appearance at the Starburst Region V/Region XIV Tournament for one game, closing their season with a 73-70 loss to eventual tournament champion McLennan Community College's Highlanders.

But the Hawks earned a number of honors, as well. Coach Tommy Collins was named WJCAC coach of the year, while guards Clifton Cook and Elmer Brown earned first-team, all-conference honors. Nathan Clover was an honorable mention selection to the all-conference team.

Sands' Lady Mustangs fell just short of making a trip to the Class A girls' state tournament, dropping a 57-55 decision to No. 3-ranked Ponder in the Region I, Class A finals. Sands' girls closed their season with a 26-6 record.

The Stanton Buffs avenged their 1997 loss to Tahoka in the bi-district playoffs with a 63-55 win, while Coahoma's Bulldogs saw their season end in a 72-54 first-round loss to Jim Ned's Indians.

Other sports highlights of the month included: Big Spring Lady Steers seniors Kara Hughes and Keesha Lott were named to all-district team selected by District 4-4A coaches, while senior teammate Marlana Light was tabbed for newcomer of the year honors.

Coahoma's Blake Nichols was named District 8-2A most valuable player and was joined on the all-district first team by teammates Robert Lain and Ryan Peckham. It was almost a sweep of individual awards for the Bulldogs and the Nichols family as Coahoma coach Kim Nichols was named the loop's coach of the year.

Senior Justin Myers was the only Big Spring Steers player to earn a spot on the all-district team selected by 4-4A boys' coaches.

As Coahoma and Big Spring high school teams continued to have success on the high school softball front, Howard College trustees voted to initiate a collegiate women's fastpitch program.



Kacy Liles won the 1998 Howard County Spelling Bee. Presenting her with a certificate was Chuck Williams.

BIRTHS

Bland, Briana Yvette, girl, March 26
Cantu, Tommy Dimitri, boy, March 3
Castaneda, Nathaniel, boy, March 13
Cervantes, Analicia Carmelita, girl, March 22
Cervantes, Jesse Eric, boy, March 15

Cooksey, Joshua Cole, boy, March 10
Duffer, Michael Lee Claude, boy, March 25
Ferguson, Aaron Douglas, boy, March 25
Kemper, Kaylee Dian, girl, March 31
Lemons, Kquon Djrekeous C.T., girl, March 15

McCutchan, Crystal Dawn, girl, March 16
Payne, Alyssa Regan, March 17
Pena, Isa Rene, girl, March 17
Rodriguez, Isabel Alexis, girl, March 24
Ross, Nicholas Kane, boy, March 13
Ruth, Kelli Kia, March 17
Sanchez, Italia Marie Odegaard, girl, March 12

Settles, Brayden Beck, boy, March 24
Tanis, Allison Rachel, girl, March 27
Woodard, Lindsey Mae, girl, March 4

DEATHS

Alvarez, Juanita Fraire, 71, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, March 14
Anderson, Violet, 71, Coahoma, March 17
Arnold, Bettye W., 90, Waco, formerly of Big Spring, March 4
Balch, Erma, 89, Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, March 15
Balderas, Leonard, 58, Big Spring, March 16
Barker, J.B., 88, Big Spring, March 10
Bedell, Brooks G., 76, Big Spring, March 25
Blewett, Enoch Lewis, 70, Joshua, formerly of Big Spring, March 2
Buchanan, Edna, 94, Big Spring, March 19
Coffman, Marie, 78, Stanton, March 25
Cortez, Martha, 74, Big Spring, March 29
Denton, Travis Franklin, 86, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, March 17
Diaz, Emilio Jr., 63, Odessa, for-

merly of Big Spring, March 24
Dixon, Janet Thorburn, McAllen, formerly of Big Spring, March 30
Draper, Mattie, 63, Temple, formerly of Big Spring, March 28
Elmore, Olan E., Midland, formerly of Big Spring, March 23
Hirt, Daniel Anthony, 67, St. Lawrence, March 7
Flores, Jose G., 79, Big Spring, March 13
Floth, Frances, 92, Big Spring, March 25
Flowers, Juanita Fanin, 76, Houston, formerly of Big Spring, March 30
Garcia, Jose O., 74, Big Spring, March 3
Gomez, Julia, 91, Seattle, Wash., formerly of Big Spring, March 3
Hankins, Darren Lee, 33, Levelland, formerly of Big Spring, March 29
Hanks, Lucille M., 79, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, March 6
Hirt, Daniel Anthony, 67, St. Lawrence, March 7

Hubbard, Tommy C., 68, Big Spring, March 1
Jackson, Irene, 81, Justin, formerly of Big Spring, March 5
Jeffreys, Ellabeth, 56, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, March 3
Johnson, Willie Lee, 87, March 10
Justice, James (Jim), 62, Coahoma, March 13
Liendo, Pauline, 73, Big Spring, March 16
Palmer, Mae, 76, Garden City, March 16
Perez, Alberto H., 92, Big Spring, March 6
Pike, Floyd Leland, 68, Big Spring, March 23
Porter, H.A. "Bud", 90, Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring, March 19
Prager, A.J., Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, March 18
Roberts, Eloise G., 84, Big Spring, March 23
Sanders, Garland, 89, Big Spring, March 2
Sanderson, J.L. "Toby", 78,

Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, March 12
Scott, Harold Ray, 77, Big Spring, March 8
Seiler, Nona Miller, 42, Big Spring, March 19
Sneed, Bonnie Elaine, 68, Gail, March 8
Talbot, William S., 77, Big Spring, March 7
Turner, Lee, 76, Big Spring, March 23
Weaver, Helen, 79, Big Spring, March 29
Wilbanks, Lester, 90, Big Spring, March 1
Wood, Edna Leona, 94, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, March 14
Workman, David K., 73, Stanton, March 29
Wright, Spencerk "Slim", 85, Midland, formerly of Martin County, March 31
Zeigler, Roy G., 74, Big Spring, March 23

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April

Districts reach key agreement on release of water

April was a time of change in Howard County, with announcements coming from Colorado River Municipal Water District and an man who has become a legend in the world of rodeo clowning.

An agreement was reached between the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Lower Colorado River Authority. According to the agreement CRMWD is no longer required to release water on demand from O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

Officials in West Texas lauded the agreement as one that would ensure Big Spring and other cities have the water they need, for the foreseeable future.

The original agreement, made in 1985, had been necessary because without it, the LCRA refused to drop its opposition for the permitting of Ivie — known commonly at the time as the Stacy Reservoir.

In an announcement sure to be felt across the rodeo world, legendary clown said he would be quitting rodeo in January to concentrate on his duties as the new justice of the peace for Coahoma.

Dobbs has been a rodeo clown for 36 years.

The announcement was made as Dobbs held his Kindergarten Rodeo at Coahoma Elementary. It was the



Colorado River Municipal Water District General Manager John Grant, State Rep. David Counts and Lower Colorado River Authority General Manager Mark Rose, left to right, announced an agreement freeing the CRMWD from having to release water on demand from O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

20th annual event, making it the world oldest continued kindergarten rodeo, according to Dobbs.

These were among the other events that happened in April:

- Northside Community Center announced a change in direction.
- Max Webb, center director, halted food and clothes distribution. Instead, he announced plans to offer a GED program.

Webb said that the center could better serve the public through education. "You can do more for people by teaching them how to be independent," he said.

- Howard College trustees approved health clinics for students' needs on the

main campus and at South Western Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

- Peter Howard Rasmussen III pleaded guilty to stealing \$104,000 from the Glasscock County Bank in Garden City.
- Incumbent commissioner of Precinct 2, Jerry Kilgore, defeated challenger John Wayne Metcalf in a runoff in the Republican Party.

- Kate Kubernach, corrosion control specialist, volunteered her time to give the F-4 a paint job. The jet, when refurbished, was placed at the Vietnam Memorial.
- Fina announced an alliance with Holly Corporation to create a comprehensive supply network. Fina sold its

crude oil pipeline to the company.

- More than 200 people got out their hammers, nails and saws for another successful Christmas in April project. It was the 11th year of the event, in which volunteers chip in to help repair the homes of elderly or handicapped.
- Firefighters from 44 cities participated in the Permian Basin District Firefighters Association Convention, held in Big Spring.
- Late in the month, the Kennel Show attracted more than 700 entrants.
- One of the big events of the month was the Multiple Sclerosis Walk, which raised more than \$13,000, tripling the

amount raised the previous year.

- Craig Campbell of Big Spring High School was named as a finalist in the annual Congressional Art Competition for high school artists in the 17th District.
- As the month ended, Big Spring Police Department was anticipating charging Randell Lee Anderson in a four-vehicle accident that seriously injured one woman.
- Although it took place in March, in was April when Western Container Corporation announced that it has achieved a record production in bottles for a month. The company produced 59,020, 559 bottles. The previous best had been 52,604,673.



Quall Dobbs announced that he would quit rodeo in January to concentrate on duties as Coahoma peace justice.

BIRTHS

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| Acosta, Kaylee Marie, girl, April 29 | girl, April 16 | Munoz, Reagan Nichole, girl, April 10 | Rogers, Esmeralda Lynn, girl, April 29 |
| Canales, Oscar III, boy, April 8 | Irvin, Michelle Diomond, girl, April 24 | Newton, Granger Ky, boy, April 7 | Shorter, Sadie Lynn, girl, April 15 |
| Cook, Paul Ray, boy, April 28 | Mendez, Anastacia Marie, girl, April 3 | Nieto, Dameon Isaiah, boy, April 4 | Slaton, Avery Lynn, girl, April 28 |
| German, Jessie Sloan Tyler, boy, April 29 | Mills, Gage Kenneth Richard, boy, April 20 | Rodriguez, Alec Gabriel, boy, April 21 | |
| Horton, McKenzie Anne Marie, | | | |

DEATHS

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| Adams, Darrell Vincent, 73, Midland, formerly of Forsan, April 14 | Dawson, Christopher "C.D.", 83, Stanton, April 23 | Stanton, April 14 | April 13 |
| Amos, Ruby Mae, 70, Stanton, April 18 | Duran, Julian, 62, Big Spring, April 13 | Lipscomb, Vena Wilkerson Lawson, 94, Midland, formerly of Garden City, April 27 | Sisson, Robert B., 71, Big Spring, April 21 |
| Atchison, Mabel, Stanton, April 11 | Edgar, Jeanne W., 69, Big Spring, April 13 | McDonald, Bonetta, 86, Lake Havasu City, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring, April 9 | Smith, Charles B., 82, Big Spring, April 20 |
| Barnes, Ellen V., 61, Big Spring, April 6 | Evans, Joe C., 68, Big Spring, April 8 | Parker, Melanie R., Big Spring, April 23 | Smith, Nellie Mae, 91, Big Spring, April 12 |
| Bowlin, Margaret "Jackie", 83, Ackerly, April 18 | Gibbs, James M., 74, Midland, April 13 | Parks, Chaplain James S., 90, Bedford, formerly of Big Spring, April 13 | Smith, Raymond, 77, Big Spring, April 3 |
| Bownds, Coralie, 72, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, April 6 | Gilliland, William Elton, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, April 29 | Payne, Jack H. Sr., 77, Big Spring, April 26 | Spence, Lillie Bell, 92, Big Spring, April 11 |
| Carter, Billy Ray, 69, Big Spring, April 15 | Gonzales, Leon P., 73, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, April 3 | Penner, Robert Francis, 79, Big Spring, April 10 | Thomas, Leona Gertrude Ingram, 85, Stanton, April 30 |
| Clark, Gerald, 64, Big Spring, April 23 | Gray, Stacye, 88, Big Spring, April 17 | Pettitt, Patsy A., 60, Big Spring, April 25 | Torres, Ramiro, 19, Midland, April 22 |
| Clark, Wayman, 66, Big Spring, April 17 | Hall, Barbara, 58, Baytown, April 1 | Pipes, Myrtle M. Mayer, 85, Big Spring, April 28 | Warren, Eddie Lee, 90, Big Spring, April 25 |
| Cruz, Emma, 67, Big Spring, April 24 | Hankins, Jerry Dale, 62, Big Spring, April 29 | Roman, Leona, 64, Knott, April 12 | Webber, Mattie Mae, 95, Big Spring, April 4 |
| Daniels, Georgia, 81, Big Spring, April 16 | Harris, Edith Pearl, 80, Baytown, April 10 | Rupard, Charles, 61, Sand Springs, April 28 | Wood, Jim V., 84, Big Spring, April 22 |
| Davis, Mark L., 25, Laverne, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, April 13 | Hobbs, Floy Shaw, 89, Bozeman, Mont., formerly of Big Spring, April 24 | Seely, Bill, 65, Lubbock, formerly of Ackerly, April 21 | York, Jack E. Sr., 81, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, April 14 |
| | Kimbrell, Edyth Alice, 85, | Shryack, Quita, 64, Big Spring, | |



Big Spring's Tory Mitchell rewrote the District 4-4A sprinting record book in April.

Big Spring's Lady Steers and Coahoma's Bulldogettes softball programs and Big Spring sprinter Tory Mitchell dominated most of April's sports headlines.

Mitchell, a junior, literally rewrote the District 4-4A sprinting record book by blistering the asphalt track at San Angelo Stadium with a 10.06 clocking in the 100 meters finals at the district rack and field meet.

He followed that with a district record 20.89 clocking in the 200 meters, as he and Andrews' Shaud Williams swiped the thunder from team championships garnered by Big Spring's Lady Steers and San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs.

Mitchell entered the Region I, Class 4A meet with the state's best times in both the 100 and 200, regardless of classification.

The Lady Steers' team championship was their fourth consecutive title, as they outpointed Lake View, 211 points to 119, for the crown.

On the softball front, the Lady Steers and Bulldogettes went through their respective District 4-4A and District 2-2A campaigns without suffering a loss.

The Lady Steers pulled off that trick with a 7-6 extra-innings win over defending regional finalist Andrews' Lady Mustangs on the road and then saw sophomore pitcher Jessica Sisneros turn in a pitching gem in a 1-0 win in the two team's second meeting.

The Bulldogettes, who'd clinched a district championship with a 16-1 whitewashing of Loraine's Lady Bulldogs, closed out 2-2A play with a 10-0 win over Anson's Lady Tigers. They finished the month with a 29-0 bi-district playoff win over Fort Hancock.

Among the month's other important moments were:

- Howard College's Shawnta Johnson was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association's all-America squad as a third-team selection.

- Big Spring Lady Steers basketball coach Ron Taylor announced his decision to leave the school where his teams had won six of seven district championships and made seven straight playoff appearances to take the head girls' basketball position at Post.

- Big Spring's Stephanie Stewart, a member of the YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team, qualified for the AAU National Gymnastics Meet by finishing 14th overall at the USA Gymnastics Region III Meet in Wichita, Kan.

- Jimmy Avery, who had coached Clarendon's Broncos to the Class 2A playoffs for the past three seasons, was named as the new head boys' basketball coach at Big Spring High School.

- Big Spring's Kara Hughes, Sands' Mendi Floyd, Garden City's Tiffany Maxie, Stanton's Marcus Washington and Coahoma's Blake Nichols earned spots on a number of all-state basketball teams announced in March. Hughes was picked as a third-team selection on the Texas High School Girls' Coaches Association (THSGCA) team; Floyd was a first-team pick in Class A by both the THSGCA and the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC), as well as being a third-team pick by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA); Washington was a second-team boys' pick by both the TABC and TSWA; and Nichols was a third-team boys' selection by the TSWA.

- Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li was the District 4-4A boys' singles champion in tennis, while teammate Monica Villarreal was the runner-up in girls' singles.

- Big Spring's Lady Steers took the District 4-4A girls' golf championship, and finished third at the Region I, Class 4A tournament in San Angelo.

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May

Drought forces commissioners to impose burn ban

Because of a 28-day dry spell, the Howard County Commissioners decided to enforce a burn ban during the month of May.

A grass fire burning an estimated 15,000 acres in Big Spring's Silver Heels and Tubbs Addition prompted the ban by the commissioners.

"This time of year we are susceptible to grass fires, and I'm all for the ban," Mayor Tim Blackshear noted.

Violations of the burning ban is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,000 fine and or up to 180 days in jail.

The last burn ban in Howard County was in June 1996, when county officials feared that the drought had left too much of the county susceptible to sparks from the fireworks people traditionally use around July 4.

In other news during the month of May:

- Forsan seniors walked in honor of Meagan Stanley who died of leukemia in April of 1997.

- The Kiwanis Club participated in "Young Children Priority One" by giving out free stickers to be put on children's backpacks and car seats to help identify them in case of an automobile accident, or a lost child. The program was so successful, the Kiwanis have since placed an order for more stickers and plan to continue it indefinitely.

- The Do-It Center sold to Higginbotham-Bartlett.

- The YMCA hired Pete Thiry from Odessa as its new director.

- Big Spring City Council recognized the Big Spring Housing Authority, headed by Mark Gentry. This became a first step toward the group's eventual separation from the city. The group's new board consisted of Emma Bogard, Mark Sheedy, Danelle Castillo, Gail Earls, Bernadette Valentine.

- A Brazilian Study Exchange Teams visited Big Spring. The team



A trash fire out of control moved across the Morgan Ranch, under electric lines owned by both TU Electric and Cap Rock Electric Co-op. Up to 15,000 acres were burned.

was treated to a tour of Fina Refinery, Western Container, Big Spring FCI, Morgan Ranch and other local landmarks.

- SWCID held its first ever separate graduation. Fourteen students participated in the ceremonies at the Student Union building.

- On May 8, John Antonio Slaughter was convicted of sexual assault. He was sentenced to 10 years and a \$10,000 trial after an emotional trial.

- On May 11, a new scholarship was established at Howard College by the Big Spring State Hospital Nursing Department, called the Seiler Nursing Scholarship. It honored Nona Seiler, longtime state

hospital nurse who died March 19.

- The Postal worker food drives netted 6,342 pounds.

- Howard College got \$188,000 for technology upgrades on May 14, from the state's "superfund," of telecommunications infrastructure fund board. The grants were also awarded to Grady and Sands school districts.

- Relay for Life brought in a record of 57 teams and \$96,000 for the American Cancer Society. The fund-raising event, an overnight campout for the community, later received another donation that took it "over the top" of \$100,000.

- Forsan High School and Junior High Technology students took 32

awards in various categories in state competition.

- The Salvation Army's Doll Auction topped its \$1,000 goal. The auction will be used to fund the purchase of next year's dolls that will be given to needy children at Christmastime.

- Budget cuts took a toll on the Big Spring Police Department park bike patrols. The patrols were planned for use only on Sundays during the summer months.

- The F-4E Phantom was dedicated at the Vietnam Memorial. Brig. General Michael C. McMahan was the keynote speaker. The ceremony included a color guard from the Texas Army National Guard.

Sports



Coahoma's Amber Bingham slides into third base in a game against Lubbock Coronado.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes' first-ever state title overshadowed a number of other remarkable accomplishments by other teams and individuals.

One individual accomplishment, however, did not have to take a back seat to anyone. Big Spring High School junior sprinting phenom Tory Mitchell continued his assault on the Class 4A track record books, rewriting the Region I meet ledger with gold-medal performances in both the 100 meters and 200 meters at the regional meet at Angelo State University.

Mitchell established a regional record in the 100 meters by turning in a 10.37-second clocking, then erased a 27-year-old mark in the 200 with a time of 20.78 seconds.

But it was a week later at the UIL state track and field meet that Mitchell really shined, erasing the frustration of having finished third in both the 100 and 200 as a freshman and sophomore by taking double gold in Austin.

Mitchell turned in the year's fastest times by any schoolboy athlete, posting a 10.34 in the 100 and a 20.72 in the 200.

The Bulldogettes were also a study in excellence. At state, they took a 7-4 win over Grand Saline in the semifinals, with freshman Brandie Hart delivering the game-winning hit.

They followed that with a 4-2 comeback win over Blooming Grove's Lady Lions, the team that had ended their season in the state semifinals two years earlier.

Freshman Kenni Kay Buchanan chalked up the pitching victory, while Amber Bingham was credited with a save. Junior designated hitter Kelli Buchanan delivered the game-winning hit.

The championship victory left the Bulldogettes with three players on the all-state tournament team — Tara Sterling, first baseman Shana Earnest and center fielder Cassie Tindol.

While the Bulldogettes were claiming their championship, Coahoma's Bulldogs were chalking up their fifth consecutive district baseball championship, wrapping up the regular season with a 13-7 win over Eldorado's Eagles and a perfect 10-0 District 8-2A slate.

They followed that with a 7-1 bi-district victory over Stamford and an 8-4 win over Tahoka's Bulldogs in the area playoff round.

Other notable sports stories during May included:

- Stanton's Tyron Davis successfully defended the Region I, Class 2A long jump championship with a leap of 22 feet, 7 inches, then won the 200 meters ahead of Coahoma's Jerry Mann, who'd won the 100. Davis would win the state championship a week later in the long jump.

- Big Spring's Lady Steers knocked off 4-4A rival Fort Stockton 11-4 in the Class 4A regional softball quarterfinals in Midland before bowing out of the playoffs in the semifinals for a second straight year, falling to Keller Fossil Ridge.

- Big Spring's Steers saw their return to the Class 4A baseball playoffs come to an end when El Paso Burges' Mustangs rallied to take a 6-5 bi-district win in Monahan.

- Big Spring ISD trustees approved construction of a \$300,000 softball complex.

- Garden City's Michelle Fuchs, Deidra Hart, M'Lynn Niehues and J'Layne Niehues finished second in the Class 1A 1,600-meter relay behind Sterling City at the state track meet.

- Big Spring's Lady Steers dominated the 4-4A all-district softball team. Sophomore Jessica Sisneros was named most valuable player, senior Melissa Martinez was tabbed as outstanding defensive player and coach Wes Overton was named coach of the year. In addition, pitcher Angie Phillips, catcher Jessica Cobos, second baseman Honey Belew, utility player Jessica Canales and outfielders Mandi Lance and Sunni Smith were named to the first team. Martinez was named a first-team, all-state shortstop by the THSGCA.

- Pitcher James Darling and second baseman Wes Mouton were Big Spring's selections to the District 4-4A all-district baseball team.

BIRTHS

Aguero, Isalah Joseph, boy, May 28
 Bermea, Jessica Marie, girl, May 28
 Buck, Madyson Lynn, girl, May 27
 Coker, Tryistan Lyn, boy, May 23
 Crockett, Benjamin James, boy, May 13
 Franco, Audrey Nicole, girl, May 19

Gonzales, Samantha Shqann, girl, May 5
 Hale, Ronald Steve Hale, Jr., boy, May 29
 Hale, Tylar Morgan-Maree, girl, May 7
 Hurst, Daniel Scott, boy, May 1
 Johnson, Tajun Cole, boy, May 26
 Kennedy, Alexis Marie RaelLynn, May 9

Klug, Sarinity LeAnn, May 19
 Lewis, Quoreindra Dejelle, girl, May 13
 Price, Jason Dennis, boy, May 28
 Rios, Patricia Merced, girl, May 28
 Robinson, Kelsey Nichole, girl, May 11
 Rodriguez, Augustine Joel, boy, May 5

Rodriguez, Maribel, girl, May 1
 Ruiz, Tiffani Renee, girl, May 27
 Savell, Marisol Lupe, girl, May 23
 Swinney, Paige Nicole, girl, May 20
 Trevino, Manuel Ray, boy, May 20
 Villazania, Morella Lynn, girl, May 19

DEATHS

Aguirre, Manuel Sr., 79, Stanton, May 2
 Armstrong, Daneil Morris, 28, Fresno, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, May 11
 Arney, Jack, 76, Big Spring, May 4
 Atkins, Roland, 64, Big Spring, May 14
 Boney, Ernestine (Parker), 85, Belton, formerly of Big Spring, May 15
 Brasher, John F., 91, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, May 3
 Brooks, Wanetta Estelle, 77, Lamesa, formerly of Big Spring, May 25
 Carpenter, Claire Ethlee Hall, 79, Vincent community, May 8
 Cartwright, Virginia Terry, 73, Elgin, formerly of Big Spring, May 18
 Claveran, Sara Arista, 85, Richmond, Va., formerly of Big Spring, May 20
 Clemons, Laurel Elaine Whitaker, Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, May 10
 Clements, John T. III, 56, Big Spring, May 14
 Cochran, Robert W., 57, formerly of Big Spring, May 12

Cole, John Otis, 70, Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, May 6
 Cotten, William James, 57, Pasco, Wash., formerly of Coahoma, May 27
 Covington, Rolen B. Jr., 60, Big Spring, May 8
 Cunningham, Ralph Joe, 67, Austin, formerly of Garden City, May
 DeLeon, Carlos Jr., 52, Big Spring, May 26
 Duffer, Lester A., 53, Midway community, May 27
 Edgerton, Lenard, 72, Big Spring, May 23
 Elliott, Leta Iantha, 93, Big Spring, May 19
 Ellison, Richard Dow "Rook", Midland, formerly of Big Spring, May 7
 Flores, Ida, 76, Big Spring, May 30
 Garrard, Jimmie, 48, Big Spring, May 22
 Gilmore, Inez Baugh, 82, Stanton, May 18
 Gray, William Young, 80, Big Spring, May 17
 Grant, Jerry Don, 44, formerly of Big Spring, May 10
 Grifford, Mabel Stephens Clackum, 85, Gastonia, N.C., for-

merly of Big Spring, May 2
 Henderson, James M., 86, Big Spring, May 14
 Hudson, George Ralph, 68, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, May 11
 Johnson, Lenore A. "Lee", 67, Big Spring, May 2
 Liles, Norma Lee Walraven, 72, Big Spring, May 5
 Marlin, Lillian, 76, Stanton, May 15
 McCann, Gertrude Marcella, 74, Big Spring, May 22
 McKimmey, J.D., 73, Hobbs, N.M., May 9
 McVea, Kenneth O., 32, Big Spring, May 15
 Melendez, Cirilo A., 70, Big Spring, May 5
 Mendez, Andemio Jara (A.J.), 88, Big Spring, May 9
 Mendez, Rafael G., 71, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, May
 Mims, Billy, 72, Stanton, May 9
 Montgomery, Kathy, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, May 13
 Neighbors, Robert J., 63, Big Spring, May 27
 Olds, D. Elton, 70, Lamesa, May 20
 Ortega, Jose B. Sr., 62, Big Spring,

May 23
 Patterson, Zora I., 94, Dimmitt, formerly of Big Spring, May 22
 Polanco, Juan, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, May 29
 Rangel, Jose R., 69, Big Spring, May 7
 Rendon, Mary Mendoza, 74, Big Spring, May 13
 Ringener, Nell Harris, 68, Big Spring, May 30
 Rodman, Otta Mae, 69, Houston, formerly of Big Spring, May 25
 Storey, Mattie Lou, 88, Big Spring, May 21
 Sullivan, Caleb Joshua "Red" Sr., 88, Big Spring, May 4
 Vasquez, Ramona, 66, Big Spring, May 20
 Walker, Edgar Vinters, 74, Big Spring, May 25
 Warren, Grace Ann, infant daughter of Dr. J. Wray and Beverly Warren, May 25
 Whitehead, Bennie Ray, 57, Westbrook, May 12
 Wilson, Roy Eugene "Gene" Wilson, 75, Big Spring, May 15
 Wright, LeeAnna Jones, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, May 23
 Zilbert, Barbara, 64, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, May 26

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June

With June came Big Spring's second murder

The month of June brought Big Spring's second murder of the year, as Raymond Cisneros, 27, was reported to be in police custody June 25 in connection with the death of James M. Neeley.

The body of Neeley, a Vietnam veteran, was found on I-20 underneath the U.S. 87 overpass on June 22. Investigators said Neeley and Cisneros may have fought on the interstate bridge.

Neeley was not known to have a permanent address.

Earlier in the month, another murder was in the news as Juan Ruben Gaitan was indicted for killing his girlfriend, Barbara Irene Villegas. A few days later, an autopsy revealed that Villegas had been strangled.

Other news for June included:

- An arrest warrant was issued for Randall Lee Anderson, the Colorado City man who caused a four-vehicle crash in the 800 block of Gregg. Anderson's vehicle had crossed the median, slamming into oncoming traffic and injuring several people.

- It continued to be hot, hot, hot, as high temperatures early in the month were already predicted to reach 110. Heat warnings were issued, with citizens urged to use caution exercising or working outside.

- Howard County officials found they had made the right decision earlier in the year by pulling out of the Permian Basin Drug Task Force. Gov. George W. Bush withheld funds from the organization in an announcement June 2.

- Early predictions for the area's cotton crop were dismal, in fact some said total crop failure was inevitable as the area continued to suffer from the heat and lack of moisture.

- Howard College opened its first-ever health clinic for students.

- Ben Bowlin, a write-in candidate, won election to school board in Coahoma.

- Howard County Commissioners faced a dilemma: Raise taxes or make cuts. Their budget shortfall would continue to be news in coming months.

- Big Spring City Council debated



HERALD file photo
Jimeree Permenter, left, is shown how to access the Internet by Howard County library staffer Rebecca Taylor. The library's addition of four new computer terminals with on-line capability, was part of the local news in June.

the use of Moss Lake by West Texas Water Ski Club, due to citizen complaints about the group at the lake.

- On June 10, spotty rainfall offered little relief from the drought that continued to plague the area's farmers and ranchers.

- Malone-Hogan announced its merger with Lubbock Methodist Hospital was complete on June 12. Officials said it was "business as usual" at the clinic.

- The 65th annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo kicked off June 17 with a slew of cowboys and cowgirls, clowns and livestock.

- Big Spring Independent School District officials announced at mid-month that their controversial sex-education curriculum had worked well in the previous school year. It was the first year for the program,

which had been recommended by a committee of citizens.

- Also at mid-month, a fireworks ban was ordered in the county due to excessively dry conditions, but the community-wide fireworks display, which would include performance by the Big Spring Symphony, was slated to go on as planned.

- On June 17, the Settles Building window replacement project was announced complete.

- On June 22, a tornado was sighted in Martin County, but no injuries were reported.

- Family Hospice merged with Vista Care. The hospice program continued providing services to patients with terminal illness.

- Howard College at this time created a workforce training director

position and began searching for a candidate to fill the job.

- At the same time, the city council accepted a check from the Hangar 25 committee, which finalized the financial arrangements toward converting the hangar into a museum.

- A few days later, the Big Spring Housing Authority began taking steps to separate from the city. The group formed a board of directors and held regular, open meetings as the separation process was finalized in later months.

- At month's end, Big Spring Police officer William Sledge resigned in the wake of an investigation into possible charges of possession of a controlled substance.

The drug at issue was testosterone



Coahoma's Delvin White delivers a pitch in the regional title game.

After chalking up district, regional and state championships, some might have believed Big Spring's Tory Mitchell had done just about everything he could possibly do during the 1998 track and field season.

They were wrong.

Mitchell saved the best for last, traveling to Edwardsville, Ind., for the U.S. National Track and Field Championships where he posted the fastest times recorded by anyone under the age of 20 in both the 100 meters and 200 meters.

He won the 100 meters with a clocking of 10.12 seconds and followed that with a time of 20.59 seconds in the 200.

"Believe it or not," Britton explained, "he probably had his worst starts out of the blocks this season in those races. He's capable of running faster."

Earlier in June, Coahoma's Bulldogs dominated the headlines with their return to the Class 2A state baseball tournament in Austin.

The 'Dogs took an 11-4 win over New Deal's Lions in the Class 2A area playoffs, and then took two straight wins over Abernathy in the Region I, Class 2A championship series.

Sophomore Delvin White grabbed the spotlight in the regional championship series, throwing a no-hit shutout in the first game, then throwing 1 2/3 innings of no-hit relief for senior T.J. Green in a 13-6 win that sent the Bulldogs to Austin for a second straight year and the third time in the past four seasons.

The Bulldogs' stay in Austin proved to be short-lived, however, as they suffered a 3-1 loss to Rosebud-Lott in the state semifinals.

Green did close his schoolboy career by being named to the all-state tournament team.

Coahoma's players dominated the 8-2A all-district baseball team, as center fielder Henry Mann was a unanimous selection as the district's most valuable player. Joining him on the first-team were Green and White, catcher Aaron Ovalle, first baseman Robert Lain, shortstop Vincent Garcia and outfielder Mario Garcia.

Other top sports stories in June included:

- Barrel racer Lisa Ogden of Gail returned to her first full season on the PRCA circuit. She would spend the entire season in the top 15 on the rodeo money list riding her two horses, "Juice" and "Bubba." In the process, she won the barrel racing at the 65th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo with a time of 17.27 seconds.

- Other winners at the Big Spring rodeo included Howdy Cloud of Beaumont in the bull riding, Bubba Miller of Woodville in the bareback riding, Jeff Yates of Corsicana in the calf roping, Craig Latham of Texhoma in the saddle bronc riding and Byron Walker of Ennis in the steer wrestling.

- Coahoma Bulldogettes basketball coach David Cox announced he was leaving the post he'd held for four years, having led his teams to the playoffs three times.

- The National League Expos took the Little League Minors City Tournament championship with a 7-5 win over the International League Yankees. The Expos finished their season with a 16-1 record.

- Big Spring softball coach Wes Overton, who'd guided the Lady Steers to the regional semifinals in the programs first two years of existence, announced he was leaving to accept the head softball coaching position at Midland Lee High School.

- Trey Morgan announced he was leaving the Coahoma Bulldogs baseball helm after three seasons to take a spot on the coaching staff at Coleman.

- Clay Norton, Bryson Bahrle, Tim New, Gene McAdams and Jay Hall took first place with a 64 in the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Golf Tournament that raised more than \$1,000 for the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

BIRTHS

Aguilar, Julia Nicole, girl, June 25
Barnes, Samuel Dixon, Jr., boy, June 18
Briseno, Franchesca Gayle, girl, June 23
Damaske, Samuel Raney, boy, June 3

June 3
Dispain, Chase Walker, boy, June 30
Franks, William Kyler, boy, June 10
Hernandez, Marcy Marie, girl, June 15

Lesser, Kiowa Turee, girl, June 17
Lewis, Luc Jacoby, boy, June 25
Luna, Jesse Steven, boy, June 12
McAbee, Catelyn Michele, girl, June 1
McAbee, Christopher Blake, boy, June 1

Myers, Seth, boy, June 23
Roper, Alstion Cole, boy, June 14
Ruiz, Alijah Renee, girl, June 4
Shubert, Michael Rielly, boy, June 14
Valencia, Hannah Brooke, girl, June 16

DEATHS

Adkins, Minnie A., 82, Big Spring, June 19
Arista, Felisitas Gonzales, 75, Big Spring, June 6
Ash, Marie, 75, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, June 27
Boyd, Jack C., 84, Big Spring, June 3
Cagle, R.W., 84, Big Spring, June 18
Cooper, Raymond L., 77, Big Spring, June 27
Dupuy, R.E. "Gene" Jur., 69, Big Spring, June 27
Edwards, W.R. "Stormy", 59, Ruidoso, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, June 15
Fikes, Edith, 57, Big Spring, June 10
Garcia, Esperanza (Hope), 45, Big Spring, June 9
Hamilton, John Myrl, 77, Big Spring, June 4
Hardy, Anna Ruby, 92, Big Spring, June 11
Harris, Denver G., 78, Big Spring, June 8

June 16
Harrison, Patricia Lindsey, 67, Coahoma, June 6
Hodnett, Ruby Fay, 84, Big Spring, June 21
Hoelscher, Arthur, 83, St. Lawrence, June 4
Holloway, Norwood Eugene, 74, Stanton, June 23
Hooks, Max, 84, Midland, June 10
Johnson, Barbara, 71, Coahoma, June 4
Johnson, Lillian T., 81, formerly of Big Spring, June 28
Jones, Dotsy, 80, Big Spring, June 26
Jones, Margaret, 78, Big Spring, June 8
Jones, Marjory K., 73, Big Spring, June 16
Kerr, Inez, 94, Sand Springs, June 22
Lewis, Mrs. R.V. "Thelma", 88, Big Spring, June 9
McNew, Rube R., 87, Big Spring, June 8

Mickler, Rosemary Rice, 63, Rule, formerly of Big Spring, June 22
Moore, J.W., 86, Big Spring, June 12
Moore, Myrtle, 85, Big Spring, June 9
Mullins, Martha Theo, 78, Stanton, June 2
Neeley, James Milton, 51, Big Spring, June 22
Neff, Hubert, 68, Big Spring, June 8
Nipp, Mrs. Charley (Jewell), Mansfield, formerly of Big Spring, June 6
Nix, Fred L., 92, Stanton, June 7
Ortiz, Raymundo Jr., 43, Big Spring, June 13
Parks, Lottie Marie, 84, Big Spring, June 19
Parrish, Reba L., 76, Big Spring, June 3
Phernetton, Eddie Lou, 54, Coahoma, June 28
Proctor, Anna Alice, 81, Big Spring, June 19

Rayburn, Wynell-Sally Thomas, 72, Big Spring, June 20
Reyna, Precilla, 57, Round Rock, formerly of Big Spring, June 10
Richardson, Kenneth Eugene, Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring, June 17
Ringo, Wallace, 73, Big Spring, June 3
Rogers, Sig, 91, Big Spring, June 22
Salazar, A.R. Sr., 77, Big Spring, June 20
Sawyer, Jo, 78, Big Spring, June 18
Shaw, Angeline Peterson, 94, Big Spring, June 14
Statham, Patsy Ruth Gaskins, 70, San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, June 26
Wallace, Elton, 67, Luther, June 24
Worley, Helen Elizabeth, 81, Big Spring, June 24

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Gov. Bush visits as heat scorches the city

Gov. George W. Bush visited Big Spring at mid-month as residents sought shelter from what would turn out to be the second-hottest July in Howard County history.

Addressing a packed house at the Dora Roberts Community Center, the governor told Republicans and Democrats alike of his plan to have every young Texan reading at grade level by the third grade.

Bush carried Howard County by one of the widest margins ever in a contested race as he was elected to his second term in a landslide.

While the governor was inside the air-conditioned center, the temperatures outside soared past 100 degrees again.

The month would see a 22-day stretch when the mercury moved past the century mark.

An estimated 5,500 persons filled the Comanche Trail Amphitheater and an estimated 10,000 persons packed Comanche Trail

Park for the July 3 Pops in the Park symphony performance and fireworks display.

Cornell Corrections unveiled its newest facility, its Cedar Hill Unit, with public tours and a ribbon cutting.

Only about one in five acres in Howard County are planted in cotton as the continuing drought and heat wave takes its toll.

The sale of KBST AM/FM and KBTS-FM by David Wrinkle to Equicom, Inc. of Austin is completed. Big Spring native John Weeks is named general manager of the three stations.

Members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, saying the county has insufficient funds to provide adequate equipment, lobby to be able to incorporate to increase funding opportunities.

Crowds are sparse as more than 500 youngsters compete in the 53rd annual Howard County 4H Junior



Gov. George W. Bush addressed a packed house at the Dora Roberts Community Center in mid-July. Behind him is Secret Service agent Alan Trevino, a native of Big Spring.

Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

The Convention and

Visitors Bureau hires Andrea Earle, 28, of Abilene as its director of tourism.

At least two persons are arrested as counterfeit \$10 bills are circulated in Big Spring.

Jennifer Perez is named as the first recipient of the Polly Mays Memorial Scholarship by the Howard County Historical Commission.

More than 750 persons — including a few soreheads — gather in Stanton for the 65th annual Martin County Old Settlers Reunion.

Howard County Commissioners, at the urging of librarian Loraine Redman, decide to close the Howard County Library on Saturdays to save money. After a public outcry, the decision is rescinded.

July sales tax receipts from Austin are up 5.9 percent over the same period a year earlier.

Big Spring's Fina Refinery stands alone in West Texas after Shell announces plans to close its Odessa refinery.

Community and civic leader Edna Womack, a staunch supporter of the community's beautification efforts, died on July 17.

County officials waited on a requested disaster declaration as drought-related losses exceeded \$30 million.

Howard County learns that it will get \$571,212 in fiscal year 1999 as part of Texas' settlement with the tobacco industry.

Trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District eye a 2-cent tax hike. In the end, BSISD would be the only taxing entity to increase taxes.

The city of Big Spring learns that it is to get a \$750,000 grant for runway improvements at McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark.



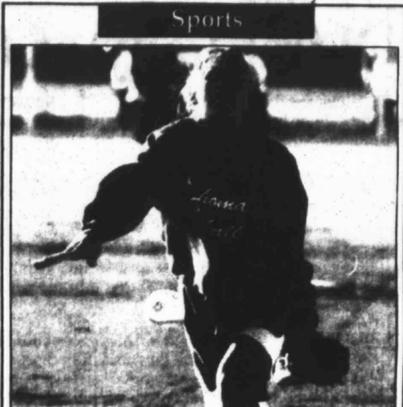
Members of the Boy Scouts and Big Spring Police Department Color Guard present the colors at the start of the Pops in the Park celebration at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

BIRTHS

Backhouse, Brendan Farley, boy, July 16	Frazier, Ashlyn Grace, girl, July 1	July 13	Perez, Israel Jesus Jr., boy, July 8
Beltran, Mayvin Rene, boy, July 27	Gonzales, Gilbert Anthony Jr., boy, July 18	Martinez, Carli Rose, girl, July 7	Ramos, Corban Samuel, boy, July 14
Cordova, Juan Carlos Jr., boy, July 16	Henderson, Kensey Lynn, girl, July 22	Ochoa, Oralia Kimberly Ray, girl, July 21	Womack, Hannah Leann, girl, July 23
Franco, Lacy Mariah, girl, July 8	Hilario, Cory Jacob, boy, July 5	Oliva, Mia Rangel, girl, July 26	
	Lemons, Alyssa Christine, girl, July 22	Parnell, Morgan Brianne, girl, July 22	

DEATHS

Abbott, Karen Joy, 48, Big Spring, July 27	92, Big Spring, July 12	McGee, Jerry Duane, Midland, July 13	formerly of Big Spring, July 8
Ashley, Edith R., 63, Schertz, formerly of Big Spring, July 29	Franklin, Clayton Thomas, 31, Temple, formerly of Big Spring, July 26	Millaway, Macki Loving, 75, Big Spring, July 7	Stephens, Alvie Lee "Fat", 75, Colorado City, July 3
Burcham, Earl Franklin, 91, Chandler, formerly of Big Spring, July 26	French, Dr. Cecil M., 84, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, July 21	Montez, Jesus Jr., 84, Stanton, July 7	Stocks, Bertie, 90, Hamilton, formerly of Big Spring
Burns, Johnnie, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, July 19	Harding, G.B. "Red", 80, Coahoma, July 20	Morris, T.R. "Blackie", 92, Big Spring, July 31	Subia, Luz Gonzales, 97, Big Spring, July 15
Bussell, Donald J., Big Spring, July 30	Hobbs, Rosa, 90, Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, July 10	Neel, George Irvin, 83, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, July 4	Tredaway, Barbara "Bobbie", 65, Big Spring, July 19
Clark, Claudie, 86, Big Spring, July 7	Hodnett, Mrs. Y.B. (Marilyn), 66, Big Spring, July 10	Partlow, Alma, 71, Big Spring, July 16	Watson, Candace Dickinson, 61, formerly of Big Spring, July 13
Coffman, Clifton, 47, Coahoma, July 20	Holcombe, Kenneth D., 71, Stanton, July 2	Ragsdale, Dorothy Iden, 76, Big Spring, July 30	Williams, Doris Nadine, 67, Knott, July 20
Cook, Mary U., 65, Stanton, July 11	King, Maudie, Richardson, formerly of Big Spring, July 25	Rainwater, Marjorie, 89, Big Spring, July 20	Williams, Dorothy Mae, 79, Stanton, July 20
Cox, Harriett J., 80, Big Spring, July 31	Lewis, Martell "Bud", 81, Big Spring, July 4	Ross, Annette, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, July 13	Woodson, Velma, 88, Kermit, formerly of Big Spring, July 21
Dickenson, Katie, 83, Stanton, July 12		Sartin, William H., 91, Stanton, July 4	Womack, Edna, 79, Big Spring, July 17
Earley, Mrs. Bill (Helen Creath),		Smith, Clarence Elton, Midland,	Word, Edna, 70, Big Spring, July 14



Coahoma pitcher Tara Sterling hurls one across the plate in a game against Lubbock Coronado.

Deep into summer, the honors for Coahoma's Bulldogettes kept coming in the wake of their Class 1A/2A state softball championship.

Senior Tara Sterling was named the Class 2A player of the year by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

In addition, Rob Dickenson was Class 2A coach of the year by the TSWA. Senior first baseman Shana Earnest earned first-team all-state.

Junior center fielder Cassie Tindol and freshman right fielder Brandie Hart drew third-team honors on the TSWA squad.

Dickenson provided a shock at almost the same time, however, announcing that he was leaving to take the head softball coach's position at Brownwood High School.

Coahoma's Jerry Mann was the TSWA's pick for first-team, all-state honors in center field, having batted .635 on the season and an even more remarkable .750 during the Bulldogs' unbeaten run through District 8-2A play.

Dickenson's decision to leave Coahoma was the third defection of a coach who'd led Bulldog or Bulldogette teams to playoff berths during 1998, but by the end of the month school board members had hired replacements.

Scott Lewis arrived from Cuero to take the baseball coach's position vacated by Trey Morgan, while Robert Roger came from Midland Trinity to fill the void left by Dickenson. Matt Garrett, from Caldwell, assumed duties as head girls' basketball coach, filling the position left vacant by David Cox.

In other coaching changes, BSISD Athletic Director Dwight Butler announced that Dan Arista, who'd worked as a football assistant and volunteer freshman baseball coach, would take over the Lady Steers softball position that Wes Overton had left to take Midland Lee's offer.

After a difficult search, Stanton Athletic Director Mark Cotton announced that Tim Van Hecke, a veteran coach from Hobbs, N.M., had been hired to take over the Lady Buffs basketball helm following Ron Mayberry's decision not to return for a second season.

Other top sports stories in July included: Tory Mitchell was honored with a reception after returning from the U.S. National Junior Track and Field Championships. Among the honors heaped upon the young sprinter was Big Spring Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Cawthon's announcement that July 2 was "Tory Mitchell Day" in Big Spring.

Big Spring volleyball star Krissi McWhorter, Sands Lady Mustangs basketball star Mendi Floyd and Big Spring softball standout Melissa Martinez made appearances in the Texas High School Girls Coaches Association All-Star Games in Arlington.

Big Spring's Melissa Martinez continued to reap honors following the Lady Steers second straight appearance in the regional semifinals, being named to the TSWA's Class 4A first-team all-state selection at third base.

The Big Spring Shockers took the Texas ASA Girls' 16 State Tournament championship with 14-2 and 11-2 wins on the final day of the tournament in Midland. In winning the state title, the Shockers earned berths in the Region 7 ASA Tournament in Fort Worth and the National ASA 16-Under Tournament in Oklahoma City.

Howard College's baseball team was named runner-up NJCAA academic baseball team of the year with a team grade point average of 3.24. Ryan Mathews and Keith Kubiak were named as distinguished All-America team members and were joined on the academic All-America team by Hawks teammate Scott Fahey.

Howard College's Kamillah Ward was named an academic All-American in women's basketball.

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August

'First Lady of Big Spring,' Dorothy Garrett, dies

Howard County residents stopped in silence as the news that Dorothy D. Garrett, community and civic leader in both Big Spring and Howard County for more than half a century, had died in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital at the age of 82.

Mrs. Garrett, who was known for her generosity and kindness towards both friends and strangers alike, received many awards and honors for her good nature over the years, but said she wanted no publicity for any of her "gifts."

"I haven't done more than anybody else," she insisted in a story in the May 8, 1994 edition of the Herald. "This town is very supportive. It's always been a happy place for me, except during the unhappy times, and everybody has those."

"I love Big Spring. It's still small enough that if someone is sick or somebody dies, neighbors are there with a bowl of soup."

Dorothy Garrett was, and is, known as the "First Lady of Big Spring." Her kindness and generosity helped to make miracles possible for individuals and groups alike, including Howard College, First United Methodist Church, Spring City Senior Center, and the Municipal Auditorium.

The shock of the loss was severe to everyone in the community, especially those who were close to Mrs. Garrett.

"I am so grieved to lose her," said Garrett's lifelong friend Annie Matt Angel after hearing the news. "I am grateful for her influence in my life, and her courage and faith. Dorothy was a beautiful, beautiful lady and she withstood everything with great strength. She was an inspiration."

"I really hated to hear that she had passed on," said County Judge Ben Lockhart. "Dorothy was a very nice lady, and she helped the county tremendously with her contributions. We will certainly miss her."

"Dorothy Garrett was a great human being who never forgot her humble roots, and kept her home town utmost among a legion of philanthropies," said Joe Pickle, former editor of the Big Spring Herald, and long time resident. "She had an indomitable spirit that rose above hardship, illness and heartbreak and carried her at least a generation beyond what anyone would dream would be her life span."

"None ever left her presence without being buoyed by her sparkle."

The 75th annual meeting of the Old Settlers Reunion was held at the Dora Roberts Community Center on Aug. 1, honoring Harry Middleton and the Middleton family as the Howard County Pioneer Family of the year, as well as R.C. and Emma Schaefer and the Schaefer family as the Polly Mays Glasscock County Pioneer Family.

• 118th Judicial District Court Judge Bob



Dorothy Garrett, known for her generosity and kindness as well as her civic and community leadership, died on Aug. 6 at the age of 82.

Moore handed down a 20 year sentence to accused murderer John Ruben Gaitan on Aug. 6, during revocation of probation proceedings stemming from a conviction on two counts of indecency with a child in 1989. Gaitan was awaiting trial for the May murder of Big Spring resident Barbara Villegas, 20.

• Bill and Mary Muse, also known as the acoustical music act 2 Muses, kicked off the newly formed Crossroads Concert Series on Aug. 8, at the Municipal Auditorium.

• 14 months after the bill was passed in Austin authorizing the construction of three veterans nursing homes in the state of Texas, the first shovel of soil was turned for the Big Spring facility Aug. 10 during a groundbreaking ceremony at the future site next to the State Hospital.

• Howard County Commissioners agreed during the Aug. 10 regular meeting of the commissioners court to maintain the county's tax rate at 45.89 cents for 1999, the same rate that was established the year prior.

• Texas Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman got a first-hand look at the damage the summer drought had wreaked on West Texas

farms Aug. 11, touring farms in Mitchell County before attending a town hall meeting in Snyder.

• The Big Spring Humane Society called for community support in mid-August following a report from the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) that described conditions at the facility as "deplorable." A subsequent outpour of charity from groups and individuals all over the world allowed the Big Spring Humane Society to bring their facilities up to, and above, SPCA standards.

• Howard College officials announced their participation in the nationally acclaimed children's education program "If I Had a Hammer" Aug. 17, putting the Big Spring junior college in line with larger, metropolitan city colleges all over the country. The program was designed as a way to give children a new, "hands-on" approach to learning.

• Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua announced Aug. 18 that the city had begun administration computer shut-downs, allowing technicians to bring the city's computer systems in line with year 2000 specifications.

Sports



Big Spring's Lacey Anderson, left, and Nina Evans go up to block a spike attempt.

While it would be the end of the month before the 1998 football season officially started with the first game of the year, schoolboy players throughout Crossroads Country began preparations for the season with two-a-day practices during the first week of August.

Excitement was particularly high as Stanton's Buffaloes and Borden County's Coyotes looked forward to defending the respective Class 2A and six-man state championships they'd garnered in 1997.

Meanwhile, every team in the area looked ahead to playing in newly reapportioned districts following the University Interscholastic League's realignment.

Big Spring's Steers were playing in District 5-4A where Snyder had replaced Pecos in the old 4-4A grouping; Stanton avoided the monumental travel it had endured for two years by joining Coahoma in a new District 3-2A alignment; Forsan's Buffs found themselves with the likes of Sonora, Eldorado and Junction in District 2-2A; Garden City welcomed newcomers to District 7-1A; and Borden County joined 1997 playoff teams Sands, Grady and Westbrook in six-man football's District 6.

Only Big Spring's Steers would open their season in August, a nightmarish experience as they faced eventual state semifinalist Plainview's Bulldogs and absorbed a 34-18 loss at Jones Stadium in Lubbock.

The month's other major sports story proved to be Ronnie Broadrick's play in the Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Broadrick, who'd won four straight titles during a 1984-87 run, chalked up his fifth men's championship with a 7-under par 67-68, 135 to take a five-stroke win over another five-time champion, Ben Garcia Jr.

He attributed his decision to use a long putter with his return to form and strong play during the tournament.

While Broadrick was taking the open men's championship, Debra Lusk was chalking up the women's title. Royce Cox was the senior men's champion and Connie Fowler the senior women's winner. Jerry Roach finished the tournament as the super seniors men's champion and Patsy Sharpnack was the super seniors women's champ.

In other top sports stories in August:

• More than 100 local girls took part in a week-long volleyball camp at Big Spring High School's Steer Gym conducted by former Lady Steers star and Olympian Rose Magers-Powell.

• Slate Broyles led the way for the Big Spring Swim Team by taking first place in the boys' open division 100 backstroke at the West Texas Long Course Championships in Midland. Other members of the team who managed placing finishes included Will Liggett, Justin Williams, Doug Willberg, Amanda Morris, Tz Marsch, Michelle Tuttle and Meghan Pudliner.

• Cassie Gomer, 16, of Ackerly finished third in the bowling competition at the Games of Texas in Lubbock. She averaged 210 during the sports festival's bowling competition.

• Big Spring High School catcher Clayton Pate, who earned honorable mention honors in the District 4-4A coach's all-district team balloting and had just returned from playing in a series of all-star games in Hawaii, signed his letter of intent to attend Lubbock Christian College on a baseball scholarship.

BIRTHS

Baker, Charlie Ray, boy, Aug. 23
Baker, Kevin Wayne, boy, Aug. 23
Canales, Janessa Jade, girl, Aug. 18
Chancey, Allen Ray, boy, Aug. 24
Chavarria, Marcus Anthony, boy, Aug. 9
Chavez Christopher Andrew II, boy, Aug. 11
Garcia, Donovan Samuel, boy,

Aug. 9
Gartman, Bryce Dolyn, boy, Aug. 15
Hinojos, Amber Rose, girl, Aug. 16
Karr, Clayton Delter, boy, Aug. 25
Kelly, Kelsey Nicole, girl, Aug. 21
Martinez, Andrew Justin, boy, Aug. 9
Mills, Alexzander Craig, boy,

Aug. 27
Overton, Trevor Kyle, boy, Aug. 23
Patel, Shiv, boy, Aug. 13
Rivera, Isabella Marie, girl, Aug. 4
Roberts, Andrew Mark, boy, Aug. 15
Salazar, Daisi, girl, Aug. 1
Salinas, Donovan Micheal, boy,

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Shipper, Coleton Dean, boy, Aug. 25
Thomas, Mallory Savannah, girl, Aug. 26
Yoang, Stanely, boy, Aug. 28
Smith, Janisha JaShay, girl, Aug. 20
Wallace, Craig Connell III, boy, Aug. 17

DEATHS

Alcantar, Evangelina "Eva", 62, Big Spring, Aug. 16
Arnold, Michael Wayne, 61, Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring
Bailey, Delrose, 73, Big Spring, Aug. 23
Bennett, Jamie Burns, Big Spring, Aug. 14
Bennett, Monroe I., 56, Sand Springs, Aug. 11
Black, Maribel Menger, 79, Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 8
Boadle, Robert, 68, Big Spring, Aug. 20
Clanton, John Cyrus, 48, Seminole, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 1
Cline, John W., 65, Big Spring, Aug. 15
Clinton, Sarah Jane "Sally", 60, Big Spring, Aug. 20
Daw, Frances L., 62, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 21
DeLamar, Richard L., 81, Big Spring, Aug. 22

Diaz, Pedro V., 90, Big Spring, Aug. 28
Edgington, Bert "Bubba", 22, Big Spring, Aug. 23
Engelson, Austin Tyler, 4 months old, Aug. 27
Freshour, Caron "Beth", 52, Big Spring, Aug. 30
Garrett, Dorothy G., 82, Big Spring, Aug. 6
Gross, Vera Staggs (Mimi), Tulip, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 18
Hickson, Ethel Adele Rice, 92, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 3
Honeycutt, Angie, 36, Big Spring, Aug. 7
Hull, M.B. "Pete", 68, Big Spring, Aug. 14
Kizer, Juanita G., 81, Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 12
Klein, Leo Joseph, 71, Big Spring, Aug. 4
Lloyd, Rev. Dr. R. Gage, 92, Eastern Tennessee, formerly of Big

Spring, Aug. 13
Lucas, Rosa Fudge, 94, Big Spring, Aug. 19
Martin, Lillie Bench, 92, Big Spring, Aug. 17
Minchew, Joye Harmon, 73, Big Spring, Aug. 13
Nason, Pearl D., 83, Hobbs, N.M., Aug. 30
Nidiffer, Vera, 71, Vinita, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 14
Patterson, Elizabeth Terry, 77, Big Spring, Aug. 15
Peach, Mamie Loretta, Big Spring, Aug. 26
Perkins, Hubert, Sr., 71, Big Spring, Aug. 28
Peurifoy, Stan, 78, Longview, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 1
Price, Anna Ruth, 96, Big Spring, Aug. 14
Puga, Joe "Che-Che", 41, Aug. 3
Redman, J.H. "Jim", 87, Big Spring, Aug. 9
Rich, Erma, 84, Big Spring, Aug. 5

Roberts, Alvin, 64, Big Spring, Aug. 11
Rodriguez, Getrudez "Tule" Sr., 83, Big Spring, Aug. 18
Rogers, Jimmy, 76, Murchison, formerly of Stanton, Aug. 6
Simmons, Isaac B. 90, Big Spring, Aug. 2
Smith, Robert, 85, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 13
Taylor, Mary Etta, 66, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 2
Trammell, Vina Mae, 77, Sterling City, Aug. 27
Underwood, Ida, 96, Big Spring, Aug. 12
Valles, Juan Jose "Johnny", 62, Stanton, Aug. 9
Webb, Jewel, 91, Big Spring, Aug. 15
White, Curtis, 95, Ackerly, Aug. 8
Winham, Johnnie Doris, 91, Lamesa, formerly of Big Spring, Aug. 14

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September

Howard County joins narcotics task force

Howard County joined the West Texas Narcotics Task Force in September per approval from city council members and county commissioners, following a year's absence from the 10-year-old Permian Basin Drug Task Force.

District attorney Hardy Wilkerson supported the county's efforts to join the newly formed West Texas force, as did Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings.



WILKERSON

"Howard County and Big Spring has a drug problem, and this will be an extra arm, an extension of my office and Hardy's office against drug users, drug dealers and contraband."

"I think this is well needed asset that we can't hardly afford to pass up," Jennings said at the September commissioners meeting.

Assistant commander for the new force, Glenn Lisso, was on-hand to answer any questions commissioners had about the group.

In a year fraught with budget woes, many questions Lisso fielded concerned funding of the new group.

Lisso explained the a grant funding the task force will also pay the salary and benefits of two county employees assigned to the task force.

Wilkerson explained what the county's financial obligations would be.

"Our out of pocket expense will be zero. We will get full reimbursement from the state at a 30-day turn around, for a nine month period. We can't hardly turn this down, it's free of charge," Wilkerson told commissioners.

The district attorney had earlier advised the commissioners not to participate in the now defunct Permian Basin Drug Task Force.

That organization came under scrutiny which reached to the Governor's mansion in Austin earlier this year.

Gov. George Bush cut \$1.3 million annual funding to the Permian Basin Drug Task Force June 1, alleging financial mismanagement of the group.

Many allegations were aimed at Tom Finley, commander of the PBDTS, as well as assistant commander Jack Brewer.

"I didn't think the county should have been involved with this group. I would be happy to participate on the building of a new task force



HERALD file photo
First Lady of Texas Laura Bush listens as Jessica Cox, a Washington Elementary School student, adjourns the United Way kickoff luncheon in September.

under new management," Wilkerson said in June.

The Big Spring City Council affirmed the county's decision, and agreed to join the new task force at a city council meeting in September.

Police Chief Lonnie Smith said Big Spring has definite need of the task force. Task force officers will work along side city officers, he said to the city council.

"With our current resources what they are, we are only able to do street-level deals. Being members of the task force will allow us to draw from a much larger pool," Smith said.

The task force quickly went to work, and arrested their first suspect, a Big Spring State hospital employee, for suspected cocaine possession and distribution the first week of November.

• Big Spring High School principal Kent Bowerman and Forsan High School/Junior High School principal Jim Yancey were named principal of the year by the Texas Association of School Principals.

• Crossroads Community Concert series brought TR Ritchie to the city auditorium

• Heritage Museum auctioned a

gun collection donated by Wofford "Doc" Hardy, netting more than \$11,000 for the museum

• Swedish citizens visited Big Spring Rotary International Friendship Exchange members

• The city finalized agreements with Sid Richardson, Fina Inc., and Power Resources for city services, garnering an additional \$317,616 for the city during the next five years

• Deaf Awareness Week was celebrated at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf

• Big Spring Workforce Commission expanded their services to include Internet job search

• Senior citizens attended a scam seminar

• Prisoners of War and Missing In Action Day (POW/MIA Day) recognized fallen servicemen and women at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center

• Hispanic Heritage Month was recognized by several community activities, including an art display at Howard College Library

• The Big Spring Police Department received a federal block grant of \$17,5540 to provide programs aimed at deterring juvenile crime

Department received a \$5,000 Telesqurt fire truck

• The 28th annual Big Spring Street Rod and Run celebrated their status as the oldest rod and run event in Texas, bringing street rod enthusiasts to Dora Roberts Community Center

• Big Spring Independent School District increased their tax rate by two cents; the city and the county approved their tax rates without an increase

• United Way kicked off its annual campaign with keynote speaker Texas First Lady Barbara Bush

• The fifth annual McKinney Float and Fly at Comanche Trail Lake

• Big Spring was designated a rural area, which makes it eligible for USDA and other rural development agency grants and funds

• The Big Spring Herald received the Media Award from the West Texas Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

• April Ward, a freshman at Big Spring High School, won the West Texas Writers and Storytellers short story contest

• Kentwood Elementary received an exemplary rating from the Texas Education Association

• Howard County Volunteer Fire

Sports



Big Spring High School's Colby Ford (14) sprints past a would-be tackler.

As is always the case in West Texas, school-boy football took center stage in September.

Crossroads Country's usual focus on the high school gridiron was heightened by the presence of a pair of defending state champions in Stanton's Buffaloes and Borden County's Coyotes.

And while Big Spring's Steers had opened their season in the final weekend of August, the rest of the area's teams kicked off their 1998 campaigns on the first Friday night in August.

Stanton opened the season with a 35-14 win over Midland Greenwood's Rangers, while Borden County was a 40-14 winner over Wilson.

The defending state champs were not the only winners in the first week, however, as Coahoma's Bulldogs opened with a 49-6 spanking of Lorenzo; Forsan's Buffaloes took a 25-6 win over Garden City's Bearkats in their traditional opener; and Grady's Wildcats took a 40-2 win over Midland Trinity.

Sands' rebuilding Mustangs, however, opened on a less than happy note with a 49-28 loss to highly-ranked Grandfalls-Royalton.

In fact, it would be a difficult month for both the Mustangs and Big Spring's Steers. The Mustangs would finish the first half of the season with a 0-5 record, while the Steers would win just one game during the first five games.

Big Spring did experience some highlights, as sophomore tailback Colby Ford made his first appearance on The Associated Press' schoolboy honor roll and earned Crossroads Country offensive player of the week honors when he rushed for 195 yards on 25 carries and scored three touchdowns in the Steers 26-14 win over eventual Class 3A quarterfinalist Monahans.

But September was a busy month in a number of other sports, as the regional Professional Bowlers Association made its stop at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama and high school cross-country, team tennis and volleyball action got under way.

In addition, Big Spring's Richard Cypert, who'd set an American cycling record at the 1996 Paralympics in Barcelona, Spain, returned to intensive training in preparation for the World Cycling Championships for the Disabled in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Cypert returned from Colorado Springs as the top American finisher, posting a time of 9:40.70 in the 5,000 meters time trial that left him 15th overall in the field.

The experience left Cypert just that much more intent on increasing his training regimen, setting his sights on not only regaining his American record, but qualifying for the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney, Australia.

The eighth annual Track Big Spring Merchants PBA Open saw a field of top bowlers converging on Big Spring's Bowl-A-Rama. When the smoke had cleared during the intense, two-day event, Tony Franklin of Grapevine had posted a 231.5 average to claim the winner's \$3,000 prize.

The tournament marked the return to competitive bowling by Big Spring professional Philip Ringener after having almost lost his right leg in a Jet Ski accident a year earlier. Ringener finished 21st in the field.

Other top sports stories in September included:

• Garden City's Lady Bearkats took the Division II girls' team title at the Big Spring High School Invitational cross-country meet, successfully defending their championship.

• Larry Brown of the Big Spring Country Club finished 26th overall with a three-day total of 218 in the Musingwear Grand Slam Section Championship at the Shady Oaks Country Club in Fort Worth.

• Howard College's rodeo team opened its season at the Eastern New Mexico University rodeo in Portales, N.M.

• Big Spring's Lady Steers opened District 5-4A volleyball play with a 4-15, 17-15, 16-14 win over Fort Stockton's Prowlers.

BIRTHS

Cervantez, Brett Alexander, Sept. 17
Jensen, Hannah Faith, girl, Sept. 29
Medina, Abigail Danielle, girl,

Sept. 1
Mikels, Cameron Lee, boy, Sept. 13
Rodriguez, Isaiah James, boy, Sept. 7

Roman, Luke Wesley, boy, Sept. 3
Shelby, Justin Marcus, boy, Sept. 4
Spargo, Alyssa Lee Ann, girl, Sept. 15

Timmerman, Isaac Joshua, boy, Sept. 12

DEATHS

Bearden, Norma, Big Spring, Sept. 3
Benier, Walter L., 66, Temple, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 6
Burleson, E. Wayne, 75, Big Spring, Sept. 29
Bustamante, Margarita Vasquez, 71, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 22
Carson, Fred "Kit", 80, Big Spring, Sept. 2
Cobb, James Marvin, 65, Bronte, Sept. 12
Dorris, Ruby H., 87, Big Spring, Sept. 2
Edmond, Gladys Mae Sims, 81, Stanton, Sept. 10
Ferguson, Dale Howard, 71,

Houston, formerly of Howard County, Sept. 10
Gamble, Jan Rury, 73, Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 17
Garrett, Billy Roy, 61, Big Spring, Sept. 1
Gentry, Thurman E., 93, Big Spring, Sept. 9
Griffin, Scott, 33, Big Spring, Sept. 20
Harding, Mrs. G.B. "Irene", 77, Coahoma, Sept. 16
Heffington, Guy Coleman Jr., 42, Big Spring, Sept. 13
Henry, E.J. Sr., 76, Big Spring, Sept. 25
Henry, Ramona, 81, Bowie, Sept. 29

Hodnett, "Casey" Jewell, 57, Lake Thomas, Sept. 5
Holt, Frances (Butch), 64, Stanton, Sept. 21
Hopkins, Mabel Louise, 81, Big Spring, Sept. 1
Huff, Velda, 85, Brownfield, formerly of Sand Springs, Sept. 22
Mora, Maria Celia, 61, Big Spring, Sept. 1
Noack, Loraine Orma, 63, Gillespie, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 8
Padgett, Michael D., 38, Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring, Sept. 13
Petree, Glen, 90, sTanton, Sept. 24
Pitts, Glen Edward, 73, formerly

of Big Spring, Sept. 16
Ravellette, Eldon Ray, 60, Longview, Sept. 13
Roberts, infant child of Sherri Smith and Chris Roberts, Sept. 5
Sanchez, Epifanio H., 79, Big Spring, Sept. 2
Stewart, Robbie Marie, 92, San Antonio, formerly of Sand Springs, Sept. 25
Turner, Johnnie L., 78, Big Spring, Sept. 23
Wade, Norma, 72, Big Spring, Sept. 12
Williams, Venora, 88, Big Spring, Sept. 2
Witkowski, Ray, 74, Sand Springs, Sept. 5



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October

Vietnam Memorial expands with M-60A tank

Culminating almost a year-long effort, an M-60A tank was added to the Vietnam Memorial in October, a month which, to no one's surprise, ended a little spookily.

"This is just one more way for us to pay tribute to the men and woman who served this country in Vietnam," said Veterans Memorial Committee member Jerry Groves, as the tank was being unloaded at the memorial site on Oct. 16.

The tank joined an F4EII "Phantom" jet and a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter at the memorial, which was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1991. The 100,000-pound machine was obtained from the U.S. Army at Fort Hood and carries the designation of the 124th Cavalry. It will likely be painted in full camouflage patterns.

The tank had long been mothballed by the Army, but a group of another kind fought its own battle in October. Friends of the Settles, which had planned a haunted house in the historic old hotel, kept getting their plans thwarted over asbestos removal.

A month earlier, the group had planned a clean-up of the ground floor at the building, only to be rejected when an anonymous caller complained to the Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Department of Health about a pile of asbestos-containing material. Clean-up was delayed once, then twice before the haunted house was moved altogether to Morehead Transfer & Storage.

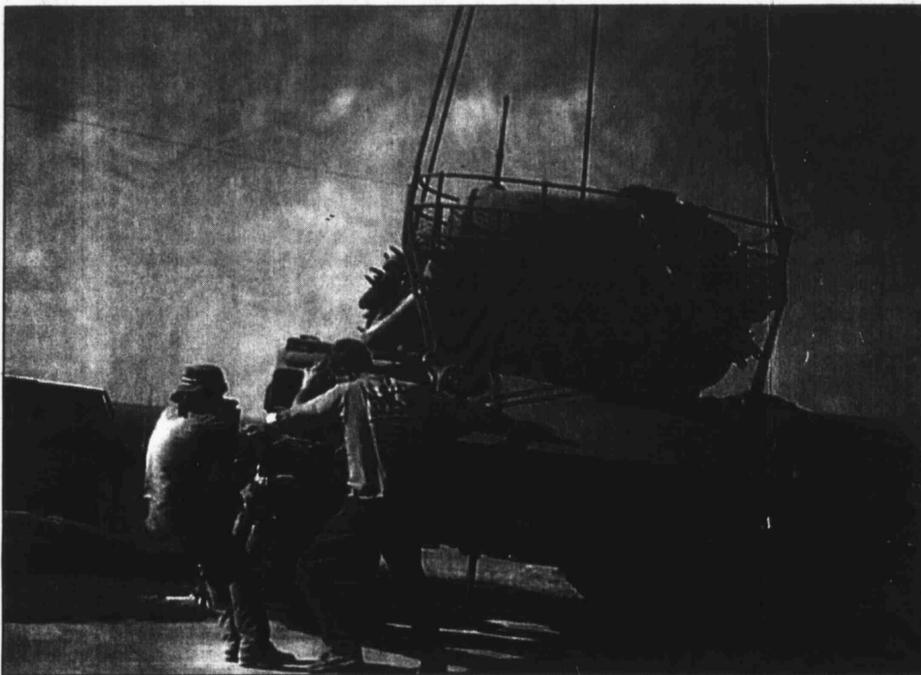
The event itself was highly successful, with it and a K-Bob's function together bringing in approximately \$8,000. Plans are to have the event again in 1999 at the Settles building, to be dubbed the "Tower of Terror" for the occasion.

As the month began, St. Mary Episcopal School yard was full of pets for the traditional Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

Peter Howard Rasmussen III, in federal custody after pleading in federal court to one count of armed bank robbery in the Feb. robbery at First National Bank of Sterling City, was slapped with four indictments by a Glasscock County grand jury. He was indicted on two counts of aggravated robbery and two of aggravated kidnapping.

"If I Had A Hammer," an educational program for fifth graders created by Perry Wilson, debuted at Howard College and was acclaimed as a great success.

Various entities in Howard County established their tax rates.



Workers unloaded an M-60A tank that was obtained at Fort Hood by the Vietnam Memorial Committee and placed at the Vietnam Memorial in October.

Howard County kept a rate of 45.89 cents per \$100 evaluation, while the college, at 21.23 cents, and the city, at 61 cents, kept their same rates. Big Spring ISD increased taxes from \$1.5563 to \$1.5763.

Terry Wegman was elected president, Charles Bill vice president and O.L. Cooper secretary treasurer of the Moore Development Board of Directors.

John H. "Johnny" Collie, Big Spring's sole surviving veteran of World War I, died at the Veterans Administration Medical Center on Oct. 9. He was 103.

Sands ISD junior Clay Hart received the Gold Star award at the 4-H banquet. Terrell Bib was named Outstanding Junior 4-H Member; Jim Purcell was named Friend of 4-H; and Mike and Sherree Moats were named outstanding adult leaders.

Kylee Welch was named Big Spring High School homecoming queen at halftime of the Steers' ballgame on Oct. 9. A reception honoring Runnels Junior High — originally built as Big Spring High School — was held on Sunday.

Big Spring Consortium received

\$180,000 in a Texas Workforce Commission Skills Development Grant to assist Howard College and Texas State Technical College of Sweetwater with training.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan bands earned top ratings in marching contests.

Stanton received a \$200,000 grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, towards housing rehabilitation for low and very low income residents.

John Ruben Gaitan, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder on Oct. 20 and received a 20-year sentence. He had been arrested in May and charged with murdering his 20-year-old girlfriend.

Cap Rock Electric members overwhelmingly approved converting from a non-profit cooperative to a public stock company.

The Kathryn Bettle Lamb Community Room was dedicated during ceremonies on Oct. 22 at Howard County Library.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce elected officers for 1999. Among them: Chuck Williams, president; Ray Kennedy, past presi-

dent; Jim Purcell, president-elect; Terry McDaniels, first vice president; Terri Newton, executive vice president; and David McKay, treasurers.

The Northwest Texas Episcopal Diocese came home to its 1959 birthplace in October, with several hundred attending.

More than 100 volunteers scoured the community for Make A Difference Day, Oct. 24. A popular stop was the Health and Fun Fair at the Salvation Army.

Talk of tearing down the dilapidated Permian Building continued with the announcement that Big Spring ISD and the county saying they would not provide funding support for the project.

The Dick and Connie Helms family was named Samaritan Counseling Center's Family of the Year from Big Spring.

The genealogy room at the Howard County Library was redesignated as the Pickle Family Room.

More than 2,000 Hispanic Jehovah's Witnesses attended an annual circuit convention at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Sports



Forsan's Buffaloes, enjoying their best season in more than a decade, opened with seven straight victories.

Few could have believed that Forsan's Buffaloes would remain unbeaten longer than any other Crossroads Country football team in 1998, but that proved to be the case.

The Buffs, enjoying their best season in more than a decade, won their first seven games — that seventh win coming on the same week that Stanton's Buffaloes and Borden County's Coyotes, both teams entering the seventh week of the season as the state's No. 1-ranked teams in Class 2A and six-man football, suffered upsets.

For Stanton, the loss came at the hands of Seagraves' Eagles who took a 33-21 victory and snapped a 22-game Buffs win streak.

Borden County's 21-game winning skein came to a halt as junior Marcus Deleon and sophomore Cesar Martinez combined for 269 yards in leading Sands' Mustangs to a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns in a 35-34 come-from-behind victory.

Sands had trailed 28-8 at halftime of that game, but never veered from their game plan in dealing the Coyotes the only loss they'd suffer en route to the six-man state championship game.

While Forsan opened the season with seven straight wins, Steve Park and his Buffs would see their dreams of a District 2-2A championship all but evaporate the next week in a heart-breaking 9-7 loss to Sonora, as the Broncos kicked a last-minute field goal for the win.

Both Stanton and Borden County would rebound from those Week 7 losses with big wins. The Coyotes bounced back with a 67-23 win over Grady's Wildcats during the final weekend of the month, while the Buffs knocked off Coahoma's Bulldogs 46-14.

While Big Spring's Steers struggled through a 1-4 pre-district schedule, they opened District 5-4A play in impressive fashion with a 66-14 demolition of Fort Stockton's Panthers. Sophomore tailback Colby Ford rushed for 270 yards and scored five touchdowns in leading the Steers to the lopsided victory.

As a result, Ford made his second appearance of the season on The Associated Press' schoolboy football honor roll, as well as earning his second nod as Crossroads Country offensive player of the week.

Other noteworthy sports events during October included:

- The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce formed its sports committee to attract high school playoffs and other sports events for the community. Big Spring ISD Athletic Director Dwight Butler and Everett Blackburn, Howard College's assistant athletic director, were selected a co-chairmen of the committee.

- Eleven Special Olympians from Howard County took part in a softball individual skills tournament in Midland. Those taking gold medals included Choyia Baker, Teresa Guitierrez, Jennifer Hernandez Tommy Lasater, Steven Mills, Cecil Mitchel, Hal Porter, Cynthia Velasquez and Stacy Wells. Seth Kirn and Josh Hughes were silver medalists.

- In their first major swim meet of the season, Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers finished eighth and 16th, respectively, in 18-team fields at the Abilene ISD Invitational swimming and diving meet. The Steers' best finish was Brent Sisson's second place in the one-meter springboard diving competition, while the Lady Steers' best showing was Melissa Sheedy's 11th-place finish in the 200 individual medley.

- Big Spring's Lady Steers closed out their 1998 volleyball season with a three-game loss to District 5-4A champion San Angelo Lake View's Maidens.

- Big Spring's team tennis squad saw its string of six consecutive district championships and run of five straight appearances at the Region I tournament come to an end with losses to Snyder and Andrews.

BIRTHS

Acevedo, Andrea Micaela, girl, 20 Oct. 22
Brasuel, Boocker Te Lance, boy, Oct. 6
Dickey, Jeffery Aaron, boy, Oct. 6

Dimidjian, Ryan Christopher, boy, Oct. 19
Gonzales, Teresa Hinojosa, girl, Oct. 15

Hector, David Cameron Lloye, boy, Oct. 15
Ramirez, Tyson Dunley, Oct. 19
Smith, Devynn Ray Douglas, boy, Oct. 8

Smith, Lauren Nickole Smith, girl, Oct. 16

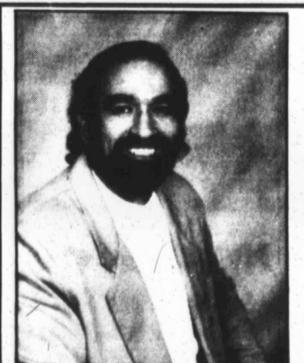
DEATHS

Aguilar, Gregorio "George", Sr., 83, Big Spring, Oct. 7
Anderson, Roy D., 95, Big Spring, Oct. 25
Annen, John, 80, Big Spring, Oct. 8
Beckmeyer, Jane, 88, Ackerly, Oct. 23
Bristow, Joshua Vernard, 91, Big Spring, Oct. 1
Collie, John (Johnny), H., 103, Big Spring, Oct. 9
Current, Bea, 80, Big Spring, Oct. 22
Dean, Ferman L., 73, Big Spring, Oct. 6
Dillon, G. Franklin, M.D., formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 24

Edwards, Setsu Saito, 70, Big Spring, Oct. 25
Fiveash, Mildred "Mickey", 73, Big Spring, Oct. 27
Froman, Dean, 71, Big Spring, Oct. 3
Garcia, Viloiso Y. Sr., 61, Big Spring, Oct. 23
Garfias, Jose N. "Joe" Sr., 83, Ackerly, Oct. 23
Gilbert, John "Jack", 64, Big Spring, Oct. 8
Hadley, Ralph G., 84, Houston, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 2
Henderson, Justin "Doc", 74, Big Spring, Oct. 27
Hilliard, Matthew Marquis McGee, infant, Oct. 10
Hollar, Louis Alvin, 73, Lubbock,

formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 17
Leach, Dr. max, 89, Lamesa, formerly of Knott, Oct. 13
Lewis, Vanessa, 36, Big Spring, Oct. 2
Long, Dorinda Mae Freeman, 42, Big Spring, Oct. 19
Marvin, Thomas S. "Tommy" Sr., 79, Big Spring, Oct. 6
Mata, Francisco, 94, Big Spring, Oct. 13
Monroe, Patricia Anne, 65, Big Spring, Oct. 13
Moore, Bobby G., 70, Big Spring, Oct. 9
Orsak, Emil J. Sr., 75, Sand Springs, Oct. 23
Rogers, Esta Mae, 80, Big Spring, Oct. 31

Rosser, Mary Virginia, 82, Big Spring, Oct. 24
Rowden, Osie, 85, Big Spring, Oct. 26
Salgado, Jesse M., 52, Big Spring, Oct. 5
Scarborough, Clara Clark, 85, Big Spring, Oct. 8
Schwarzenbach, William Howard, 48, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, Oct. 20
Smalling, Marvin Gerald, 67, Big Spring, Oct. 8
Young, Lois Elizabeth "Peggy", 89, Big Spring, Oct. 18
Whisenhunt, Leon, 69, Big Spring, Oct. 29
Wright, Thomas R. "Reckless", 27, Odessa, Oct. 1



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'Operation Purple Cow' rounds up drug suspects

A major drug bust labeled "Operation Purple Cow" netted 23 people during mid-November. Among those arrested included Santos Arzola Mendoz, Sr., alleged to be the patriarch of the Mendoza family cocaine distribution organization that has existed in the Big Spring area at least since the 1960s.

"Operation Purple Cow" was a two-year investigation which involved 14 local, state and federal agencies beginning in November of 1996 and continued through July 1998.

Some of those outside agencies joining the operation were the FBI, the newly formed West Texas Narcotic Enforcement Task Force, the DEA and ATF.

For local law enforcement personnel, the early results of "Operation Purple Cow" were rewarding.

"I've been on the department for 21 years," explained Big Spring Chief of Police Lonnie Smith. "I was born and raised here...I've known some of their (Mendoza) family."

According to 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, he felt the bust would severely hamper the distribution of drugs in the county.

Because a number of the individuals have previously been arrested, Assistant U.S. Attorney Dick Baker said the federal government would ask U.S. Magistrate J.Q. Warnock to allow them to be held without bond.

In other November news: Long time resident/Big Spring historian Joe Pickle moved to Austin. The author and journalist was honored at a community reception for his many years of service to Big Spring.

The Jehovah's Witnesses met for a convention in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Local philanthropist Marie Hall addressed the Community College Conference.

KBTS 94.3 replaced La



Mayor Tim Blackshear taunts the throwers at the dunking booth of the Hangar 25 celebration while Traci Bellinghausen helps him get adjusted for another dip.

Signal radio station. The new station's music was described as "classic rock."

The Big Spring High School Student Council raised funds for the Humane Society.

Norwest Bank merged with Wells Fargo.

The All City Choir, made up of students from various local schools, had its first concert.

The Howard County jail passed inspection once again.

SWCID dedicated its new Burke Mehan residential dormitories.

Helen Gladden was honored for her many years of service to the Big Spring Independent School District. She then retired in

December.

Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute got a new warden, Dr. Ralph J. Payne.

Salem Baptist Church Youth walked 21 miles for Child Protective Services.

Metal Mart opened its doors in Big Spring.

Howard County Attorney's office got new computers to aid in their work.

The Big Spring Woman's Club gave \$4,152.50 to the Kids' Zone at Comanche Trail Park. The money will be used to expand the popular attraction.

Lillie Brown won the 'Home for the Holidays' contest from the Area Agency on Aging and Southwest Airlines.

The Ritz Theater got a facelift, as owner Kevin Ritz removed the marquee from the front of the building. More renovations are planned to continue at the building.

Big Spring Works, a part of the Workforce Training Skills Development, got under way.

Ramon Cisneros gets 17 1/2 years for the murder of Vietnam Veteran James Neely, and Dennis Boswell gets 10. Boswell pleaded guilty to manslaughter, while a jury found Cisneros guilty of murder.

Vista Care-Family Hospice began a memorial quilt to remember their patients who died during the year.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission approved a final agreement with local water authorities, allowing the release of stored water from two reservoirs.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program started a new program to aid new mothers in remembering their baby's vaccinations.

Hangar 25's 'Under The Big Top' fundraiser netted \$2,600 for the effort to renovate the old Webb Air Force hangar into an aircraft museum.

Asbestos was finally removed from the Settles, after it prevented a haunted house fund-raiser from being held there in late October.

Sports



Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm became the all-time touchdown passing leader in Class 3A.

As the regular season came to a close and five Crossroads Country schoolboy football teams entered playoff action, Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm grabbed the spotlight in November as he became the all-time touchdown passing leader in Class 3A.

Herm, a three-year starter for the Buffs, and Borden County quarterback Colt McCook, in addition to leading their teams into the playoffs, were named finalists for the Class 2A and six-man player of the year awards presented by Texas Football Magazine and Fox Sports Southwest.

The Stanton senior would break the Class 2A career touchdown passing record in the area playoffs by throwing for two scores in the Buffs' 58-0 demolition of Eldorado's Eagles in the area playoff round.

A week earlier, however, the first round of the schoolboy football playoffs was a time of almost disbelief for a number of observers, not because Stanton and Borden County had extended their seasons — they were expected to defend the state championships they'd won a year earlier — but few had expected Forsan's Buffaloes, Sands' Mustangs and Big Spring's Steers to enter the postseason.

Steve Park and his Buffaloes saw their stay in the Class 2A playoffs last just one week, as they dropped a 14-0 bi-district loss to Iraan's Braves. That defeat could in no way take the shine off an 8-3 season that saw the Buffs return to the playoffs for the first time in 12 years.

Seven Buffs players earned first-team All-District 2-2A honors and Park shared coach of the year honors with Sonora's Dale Heath who'd guided the Broncos to the loop's championship.

Forsan's first-team all-district selections included center Jarrod Fishback, offensive lineman Dale Dolloff, wide receiver Wes Osburn, quarterback Cade Park, running back Brian Mims and defensive ends Justin White and Daniel Smith.

Sands knocked off Grady in their regular season finale to finish the regular season at 5-5, but more importantly as the district's champion.

The Mustangs followed that with a 38-22 win over Meadow in the bi-district playoff round before bowing out of the postseason with a 74-36 loss to Balmorhea.

Big Spring's Steers surprised almost everyone by regrouping from a 1-4 start to earn a playoff bid for a second straight season with a 10-0 win over previously state-ranked Sweetwater in the final week of the regular campaign.

The Steers would remain in the playoffs for just one week as well, suffering a 28-6 loss to Cleburne's Yellow Jackets in bi-district.

Four starters on the Steers' roster were named to the District 5-4A all-district team's first squad — sophomore Colby Ford for a running back's spot, James Clements picked up the spot as the league's top punter, senior Chauncy Ford as a defensive end, and Tory Mitchell was a two-way honoree as a wide receiver and defensive back.

Other sports highlights of the month included: Howard College's Hawks swept through the Hawks Thanksgiving Classic, making their home debut at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, with an 81-43 win over Jacksonville's Jaguars and an 89-54 win over the Murray State (Okla.) Aggies.

Pat Stasey of San Angelo, the former owner, manager and player of the Big Spring Broncos of the old Longhorn League, was inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame during ceremonies in Arlington.

Five Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball players earned all-district team honors. Junior middle hitter Nina Evans, junior outside hitter Cathy Jaure and senior setter Juanita Valdez were first-team honorees, while sophomore Lacey Anderson and junior Monica Rubio were honorable mention picks.

BIRTHS

Anderson, David Andrew, Nov. 2
Anderson, Taylor Lee, boy, Nov. 18
Campos, Dharma Jo, girl, Nov. 23

Deatherage, Garrett Dawson, boy, Nov. 11
Gutierrez, Stephanie Lynn, girl, Nov. 4

Hilario, Richard Brandon, boy, Nov. 15
Nalley, Dylan Rey, boy, Nov. 10
Roemer, Victoria Elaine, girl,

Nov. 7
Uranga, Shae, girl, Nov. 4

DEATHS

Ashley, Ray, 82, Stanton, Nov. 5
Atkins, Jasper W., 89, Big Spring, Nov. 1

Beck, Grady Charles, 57, Big Spring, Nov. 24
Bowlin, O'Brien, 71, Ackerly, Nov. 12

Butler, Louise, 79, Big Spring, Nov. 13
Butler, M.Y., 89, Big Spring, Nov. 2

Callahan, Jo Dell, 73, Coahoma, Nov. 17
Childress, Ruth, 83, Sterling City, Nov. 2

Coats, Janie, 50, Big Spring, Nov. 16
Culpepper, Jean S. "Mama Jean", Nov. 21

Cuthbertson, Vernon L., 75, Big Spring, Nov. 26
Daily, Techla, 86, Big Spring, Nov. 13

Duke, Jesse, 74, Blackwell, Nov. 1

Fanner, Willie Stafford (Slim), 77, Big Spring, Nov. 7
Fields, C.W., 42, Big Spring, Nov. 7

Fikes, W.D., 64, Big Spring, Nov. 4
Fox, Estelle, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 17

Garcia, Antonia M., 76, Big Spring, Nov. 28
Gonzales, Estella F., 77, Big Spring, Nov. 10

Henry, Joy Ann, 63, Big Spring, Nov. 29
Holland, I.V., 77, Madill, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 9

Hoover, Russell Earl, Nov. 12
Hutchings, Rev. Wesley, 95, Big Spring, Nov. 3

Jodan, Harry, 81, Big Spring, Nov. 12
Jones, Bob J., 61, Lamesa, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 6

Jones, Jessie, Lubbock, formerly of Ackerly, Nov. 17

Jones, Varnie L. "Runt", 77, Big Spring, Nov. 29
Lang, Sallie Mae, 76, Big Spring, Nov. 26

Lankford, Guyneth Evelyn
"Muffet" Taylor, 77, Stanton, Nov. 22
McClendon, Gyneth, 85, Big Spring, Nov. 18

Miller, Lester Marvin, 94, Big Spring, Nov. 25
Moore, P.E., 80, Sand Springs, Nov. 6

Mora, Everardo L., 80, Big Spring, Nov. 24
Mundell, Sarah Ethel, Big Spring, Nov. 9

Murphree, J.B., 75, Big Spring, Nov. 21
O'Neal, Jimmy, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 2

Ortega, Henry M., 65, Big Spring, Nov. 2
Pinkerton, Dovie Mae, 85, Stanton, Nov. 1

Ramirez, Margarita Alcantar, 78, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 28
Robertson, Dorothy "Dot", 76, Seminole, formerly of Coahoma, Nov. 13

Shafer, Clarice, 84, Big Spring, Nov. 10
Spence, Bob, 94, Coahoma, Nov. 3

Teale, Jennie Cox, 103, Big Spring, Nov. 19
Thraillkill, R.C. "Bob", 80, Stanton, Nov. 21

Underwood, Joe Ed, 59, Andrews, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 13
Walker, Susan, 67, Big Spring, Nov. 24

Ward, Preston Hoy, 77, Abilene, Nov. 10
Wiley, Grover Lee, 78, Big Spring, Nov. 17

Wolf, Calvin G., 61, Merkel, formerly of Big Spring, Nov. 17

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December

Big Spring began capturing the wind in December

As December began, Big Spring "captured the wind," with dedication ceremonies for the Big Spring Windpower Project on Dec. 2. The project, which uses turbines to generate electric power, began with activation of the first four turbines.

A joint venture of York Research Corp and TU Electric, the project is located on the Morgan and Click ranches. The Vestas V-47 wind turbines have blades 110 feet tall. They can generate electricity in as little as an 11-mile-an-hour wind.

Other news in December included:

- The 11th Court of Appeals upheld the decision of District Judge Robert Moore III in the lawsuit of Woodie Howell against the Big Spring Herald. The decision was announced Dec. 1.

- Also on that day, it was announced that France's oil giant Total SA would take over Belgium's Petrofina SA. The move was said not to have an effect on Big Spring's Fina Refinery.

- The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce received reaccreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

- Coahoma High School student Mandy Hanslik, sentenced to the alternative education program for 20 days after bringing a handgun on the campus, took her case to the district court.

- A judge backed the school's punishment.

- Her family later argued that the AEP was making Mandy physically ill, and she should receive an alternate arrangement under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The case was not decided by the Christmas school holidays, and was expected to continue after school began again in January.

- On Dec. 4, the United Way announced it had gone "over the top" with \$223,164 raised for various social service agencies throughout the community. The group exceeded its goal for the third year.

- An estimated 15,000 local residents and visitors gathered on city streets to watch the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade wind its way.

- On Dec. 7, vandals were found to have struck the Big Spring Vietnam

Veterans Memorial. The vandals drew the ire of many in the community, calling for action to prevent further destruction of property.

- George Roden, former leader of the Branch Davidians, was found dead at Big Spring State Hospital. Roden, who had escaped the hospital previously, was found lying inside the walls of the facility, dead of a heart attack.

- Comanche Trail Festival of Lights kicked off another year of lighted display at the spring Dec. 11 with a tribute to Dorothy Garrett, community benefactor.

- Forsan High School student Adam Andrews was killed in an auto accident on South Highway 87 Dec. 8. Judy Williams was seriously injured, and her passenger, her grandchild, was not hurt.

- Valerie Sullivan was named firefighter of the year by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

- Martin County residents honored Judge Bob Deavenport on the occasion of his retirement after 18 years on the bench.

- An increase in vandalism throughout the city prompted city officials to begin closing gates at Comanche Trail Park at 10 p.m. The policy, on the books for years but not practiced, was predicted to continue throughout the winter.

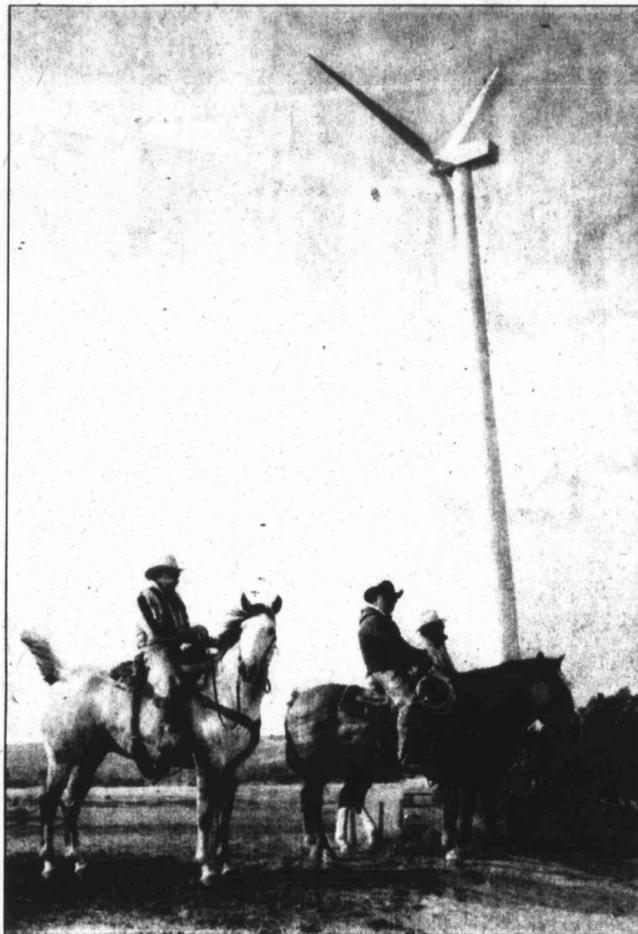
- Officials said completion of the new junior high school would be delayed until March. Planned to open for the 1998-99 school year, the project faced continual delays.

- A snowstorm on Dec. 11 dumped eight inches of the "white stuff" in Howard County.

- The last of 732 "angels" from the Salvation Army got their wings as the community pitched in to buy Christmas gifts for these needy children.

- Expansion of the VA Medical Center was nearing completion at mid month, as work continued on a new surgical and outpatient clinic.

- On Dec. 15, the former director of Big Spring's Housing Assistance Program, Marva Scurllark, was indicted for a third degree felony charge in financial irregularities. The charges stemmed from travel expenses Scurllark had claimed without documentation, officials



HERALD file photo
Cowboys John Damron, Larry Stockton and Kid Koger were on hand for the dedication of the Big Spring Windpower project. Big Spring "captured the wind" in December as the project kicked off, converting wind into electric power.

- Big Spring's seven-time world champion roper, Toots Mansfield, died Dec. 16 at age 84.

- A reception Dec. 18 honored Margaret Ray, retiring Howard County Clerk.

- After several days of below-

freezing temperatures followed by warmer days, Big Spring residents in several neighborhoods faced the temporary loss of their water when lines began breaking.

- A pet food drive delivered two tons of food to the Big Spring Humane Society on Christmas Eve.

BIRTHS

Cantu, Francisco Dylan, boy, Dec. 10
Chavez, Richard Antonio, boy, Dec. 22
Cruz, Santana Kobe, girl, Dec. 7
Gill, Bhili S. Darlene, girl, Dec. 1
Grant, Madison Nicole, girl, Dec. 1

Hernandez, Jason Jr. Ruiz, boy, Dec. 23
Madrid, Beatrice Enedina, girl, Dec. 19
Martinez, Andrew Christian, boy, Dec. 5

Mungia, Michael Anthony, boy, Dec. 11
Phernetton, Kody Mark, boy, Dec. 12
Romo, Gabriella Isabel, girl, Dec. 24
Sparks, Tyler Anthony, boy, Dec. 5

Vega, Weldon Tyler, boy, Dec. 13
Wilson, Brittany Marie, girl, Dec. 14

DEATHS

Alexander, H. Hayes, 82, Montrose, Colo., formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 5
Allen, Mary, 95, Coahoma, Dec. 18
Amos, Johnnie June, 83, Big Spring, Dec. 20
Andrews, Adam Lee "Slim", 16, Big Spring, Dec. 8
Archer, Laverne Casey, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 7
Bradshaw, Shirley, 63, Big Spring, Dec. 16
Burnett, Patricia Ann, 52, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 25
Court, Kenny Loy, 51, Big Spring, Dec. 2
Curry, Floyd, 80, Pecos, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 9
Davis, E. Grady, 75, Waco, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 7
Davis, Gladys, 91, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 10
Dodd, Jon-Thomas, 23, Lake Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 1
Dunham, Kristine, 49,

Whitesettlement, Dec. 18
Fischer, Christine Everett, 75, Big Spring, Dec. 11
Franklin, Harriet R., 79, Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 17
Gallegos, Refugio Luis, Big Spring, Dec. 11
Gillette, H.D. "Ace", 86, Big Spring, Dec. 20
Grimes, Fredricka Katherine Lindenborn Johnson, Hot Springs, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 2
Gonzales, Gilberto Ortiz Sr., 63, Big Spring, Dec. 13
Harlen, Ray Avers, 78, Waco, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 21
Hart, Gladys Lankford, 82, Big Spring, Dec. 23
Henson, Edith H., 81, Big Spring, Dec. 18
Herd, J.R. "Shorty" Jr., 73, Bend, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 6
Jewett, Pearl Frances Roberts, 95, Big Spring, Dec. 15
Lewallen, Joy Prier, 75, Big

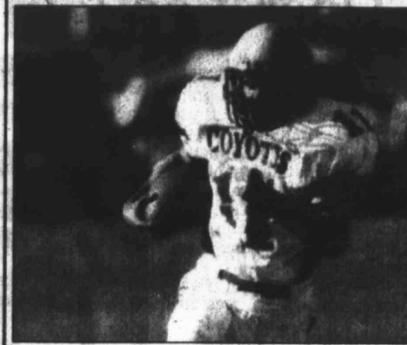
Spring, Dec. 23
Mansfield, Toots, 84, El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 16
McCalister, Edell, 75, Stanton, Dec. 26
Moore, Vivian S., 86, Big Spring, Dec. 5
Nixon, James B. (Red), 68, Big Spring, Dec. 19
O'Brien, Lucille R., 79, Cleburne, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 20
Pearce, Ellie, 86, Big Spring, Dec. 4
Raney, Elmer Jay, 93, Monahans, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 4
Rangel, Enrique, 78, Lamesa, Dec. 4
Schofield, Coy, 71, Big Spring, Dec. 7
Smith, Roseland Joy Collins, Big Spring, Dec. 7
Spears, Hunter Bryce, infant son of Terry and Amanda Spears, Big Spring, Dec. 4
Stewart, Bertha Iona, 88, Stanton,

Dec. 11
Taylor, Winfred C., 81, Ackerly, Dec. 2
Thomas, Teri Adams, 41, Big Spring, Dec. 20
Tingle, Sherman Lee, 88, San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 1
von Hassell, Rose, 66, Big Spring, Dec. 12
Webb, Lorene Wilson, 84, Big Spring, Dec. 8
Wiley, Duval R., 75, Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, Dec. 21
Wright, Jasper, 95, Big Spring, Dec. 21

Because of time constraints due to deadlines, the cutoff for inclusion in the year-in-review was Friday, Dec. 25, 1998.

All obituaries and births show the date listed on the forms provided the Herald by the funeral homes and/or hospitals.

Sports



Borden County's Fernando Baeza races for a Coyote touchdown.

As had been the case throughout the fall, December's sports headlines were again dominated by high school football — more specifically, bids to repeat as state champions by Stanton's Buffaloes and Borden County's Coyotes.

Neither managed to defend those titles. But it was somewhat fitting that both would find their seasons come to an end on the same weekend — Stanton suffering a 9-0 loss to Celina's Bobcats in the Class 2A, Division II semifinals, while Borden County dropped a 62-16 decision to Trinidad's Trojans in the six-man state championship game.

Borden County had reached the state title game with a 70-24 win over Balmorhea, while Stanton had opened the month with a 27-18 win over Spearman's Lynx.

Both teams had seemed somewhat joined almost from the moment when they'd won their championships a year earlier.

They'd opened the season as the No. 1-ranked teams in their respective classifications and seen their 20-game-plus winning strings come to a close on the same October night in the seventh week of the season.

Not surprisingly, both teams' players almost immediately began reaping individual awards following their elimination from the playoffs.

Quarterback Colt McCook was named a two-way performer at quarterback and defensive back on the all-district team, as well as drawing first-team all-region accolades. Running back Fernando Baeza did the same, named both in the offensive backfield and at linebacker on the all-district squad, while being named an all-region linebacker.

Defensive end Ryan Grant was named to the all-district first team, as was linebacker Colt Miller, and both were second-teamers on the all-region team.

Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm topped his record-setting career by being named the first-team quarterback and a second-team defensive back on the Class 2A all-state team announced by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

He had earlier been named the District 3-2A most valuable player, as well as a first-team all-district performer as a return specialist and defensive back. He was also a second-team all-district defensive back.

Offensive lineman Jeremy Smith was a first-team all-state selection by the APSE in addition to being a first-team all-district pick and second-team linebacker on the 3-2A honor roll.

The Buffs' Jody Louder and Chad Smith picked up honorable mention accolades on the APSE all-state team, joining Forsan defensive end Justin White.

Louder was a first-team all-district selection at both fullback and linebacker, while Smith made the 3-2A honor team at both tight end and defensive end.

Other Buffs starters earning first-team all-district honors included center and defensive lineman Edward Segura, offensive lineman Dustin Kargl, wide receiver Austin Kelly, wide receiver and defensive back Maurice Martinez and sophomore running back Jeremy Hull.

Other top sports stories during the year's final month included:

- Several members of the Howard County 4-H Shooting Sports Program earned top awards at the District VI Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays Shoot and the Texas 4-H Shooting Championships. Jim Bob Haggerton, Paul Kinsey and Clay Hart teamed to win top overall honors in three-man team competition, while Orin Romine and Billy Kinsey were the top two-man team in overall events. Katie Gaskins was named the top overall senior girls' division competitor.

- Howard College's Hawks closed the first half of their season with a 9-3 record.

- Howard College's Lady Hawks, ranked No. 6 nationally, improved to 11-1 at the break.

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